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And I'd rather shop for paper punches,

ribbon, fabric paint, and scrapbooking stickers than shoes. Whenever I can steal away to a crafts store, those aisles of supplies really get my brain buzzing with ideas. I'm not the most talented person when it comes to crafting, but that doesn't make me love it any less. The simple projects and easy embellishments come with just as many bragging rights as the complex ones. A few of my favorite crafty moves:

* **Rickrack makes everything cuter.** Tie it around wrapped presents, or glue it to the edges of curtain panels, pillowcases, or hand towels. If you came over for dinner, you'd see my set of cotton place mats that I crafted up with rickrack borders in different colors. Guests can pick their color like they're picking a piece in a board game.

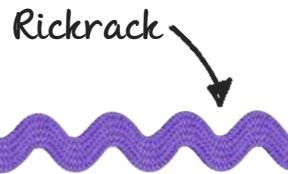
* **All kids love googly eyes.** Want to keep 5-year-olds entertained without TV? Give them googly eyes, and suggest they try them in their coloring books. So goofy, but they're always a hit.

* **People appreciate cards. But they really appreciate stamped cards.** Making stamped cards is like making chocolate chip cookies. No matter what your skill level, the finished project is

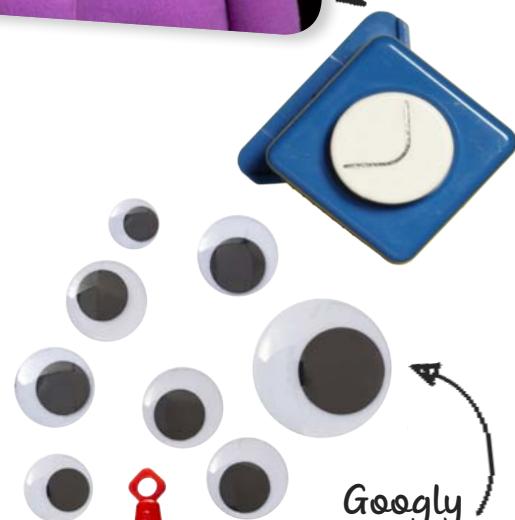
always welcome because it's homemade. Invitations and thank-you notes are good places to start. Also, last time I checked, personalized stationery can be pricey. Colorful card stock and rubber stamps cost less and say a lot more.

* **A good crafts stash should never stop growing.** Maybe someday I'll have my own designated crafts room, so I might as well keep adding to the supply box that sits in my closet—and stay on the hunt for new glues, glitters, and grosgrain ribbons that make my heart go pitter-patter.

A fun hostess gift: Write a recipe on a stamped card.



This punch rounds any corner.



Googly eyes



Sticks just as well as hot glue!

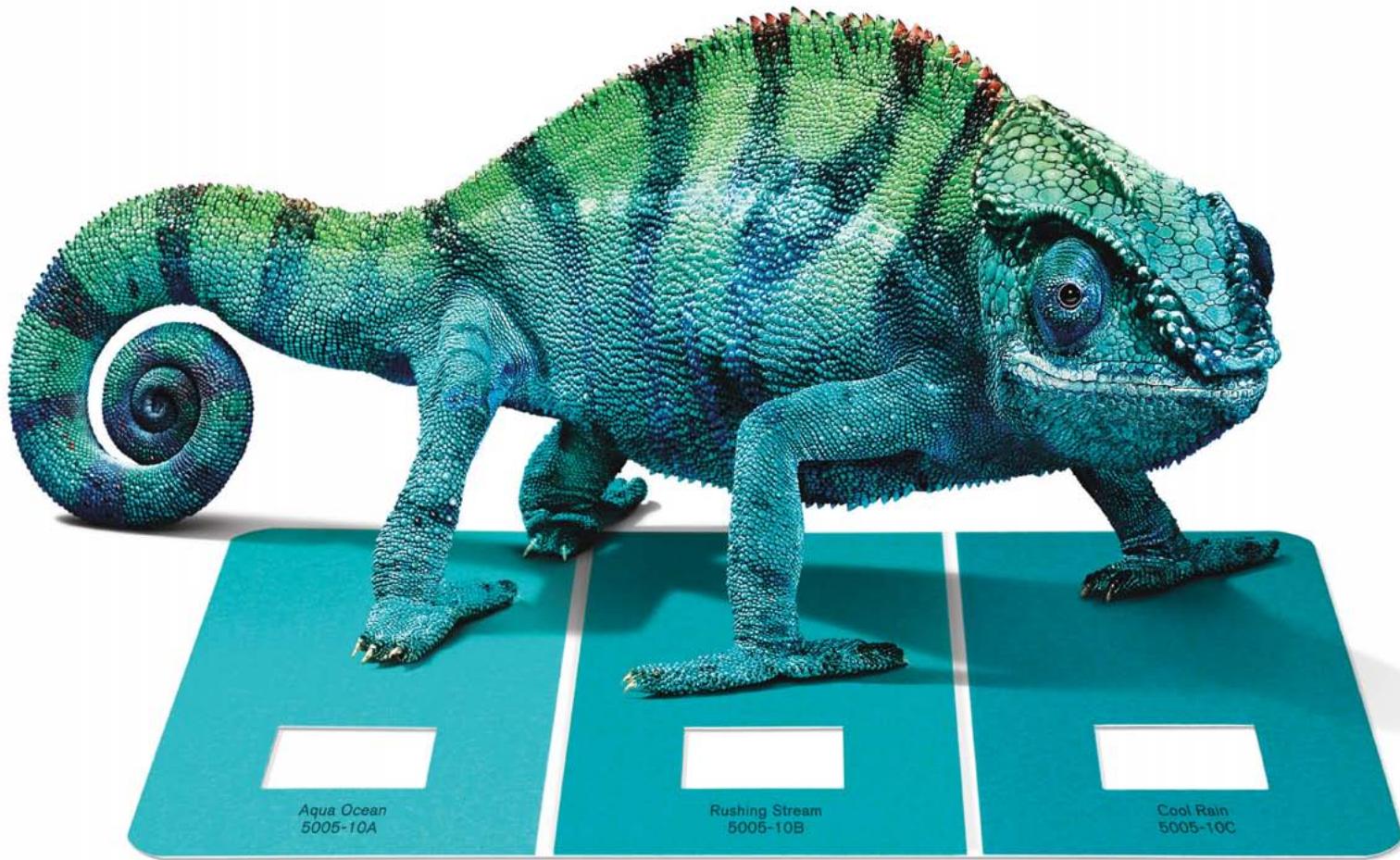
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I've made my 8-year-old daughter a fan of HGTV Magazine.

She recently asked for my old issues, and she read them all in one sitting! When

the April issue came in the mail, I had planned to read it later that day, but my daughter grabbed it and said, "I get to read it first this time." She thoroughly enjoyed it and let me know I was in for some good stuff—her favorite column is "Vern Knows...." Now her magazine subscriptions include *Highlights*, *American Girl*, and *HGTV Magazine*. I think she's on to something.

—Sue Glenn,
Stony Brook, NY

After searching unsuccessfully for an outdoor pendant lamp for my front porch, I spied the Schoolhouse Electric light in April's "Front Door of the Month." This is one of my favorite styles, but I didn't realize there were outdoor options. When I ordered it, I was able to choose the style and finish, and then match it with a fun, multicolored

striped shade. I can't wait to repaint my entrance and replace the old contractor's light with this one.

—Judy Boyle,
Saginaw, TX



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I absolutely loved "Can't Go Wrong With..." in the April issue. It was so great to see go-to items that look perfect with any decorating style. This article took the guesswork out of shopping. I especially love the farmhouse tables and hope to get one for my own home.

—Becky Fortier,
Gorham, ME



the magazine right away. The cleaning quiz ("What's Your Housecleaning IQ?") was so fun. Turns out I'm not as cleaning savvy as I thought!

—Cindy Haskin,
Leawood, KS

Your magazine gives me such inspiration! I saw a beautiful color on some kitchen cabinets in a past issue, so I saved the story. Recently I took the plunge and painted my cabinets. I also went to the flea market and bought mismatched pulls for a more rustic look. They cost less than \$4 each, which means I got a whole new look for less than \$50. Thank you for helping me turn my rental apartment into a comfortable nest.

—Cathleen "Cat" Sampson,
West Hollywood, CA

YOU SHOWED US!

Here are some of your recent makeovers that caught our eye.



"My grandfather was a farmer, and when he passed away, he left behind some egg baskets. I put coco fiber liners inside the baskets and turned them into planters for my porch."

—Carol Hays, Spring, TX



"Inspired by your January/February cover, I painted the back wall of this bookcase a vibrant aqua, and styled the shelves using your tips. I love my stylish, functional space!"

—Yvette Benitez, Coral Springs, FL



"I found this buffet for \$30 at a Habitat for Humanity ReStore. I sanded and painted it and added new hardware. Now it's a dresser in my newly redecorated bedroom."

—Patricia A. Carter, Wilmington, DE

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sound familiar?

Readers share their quirky household habits and everyday observations that really hit home.

“I’m an **obsessive table waxter**. Our 9-foot cherry and reclaimed wood dining table is rarely without a fresh coat of furniture polish. Other things in the house may be breaking down, but heaven forbid there should be fingerprints on the table!”

—Amy Thompson,
Salt Lake City, UT



“My pet peeve is our entryway—it’s always filled with our three kids’ backpacks, shoes, and coats. Having a closet there doesn’t help. I’m a neat and organized person in every way but this, I swear!”

—Stephanie Handerhan, Delmont, PA

“Squeaky doors and creaky floors drive me insane. My kitchen cabinets tell on me every time I want to sneak a snack, and nighttime visits to the bathroom are announced to my sleeping dogs each time the floor creaks.”

—Vicki Rogers Bauer, Winston-Salem, NC



“I’m addicted to pillows. I’ve counted each one in our home, in every corner and on every couch and bed, and I have 114! I started laughing at 80. I set every pillow in its place before leaving for work. Who doesn’t feel inspired by a pretty pillow?”

—Lynn Harrington, Kennebunk, ME

“Everything in my pantry is in order, either by size, color, or food group. I reorganize it after every shopping trip and after meals. It’s tedious, but it makes finding things so much easier. And this way, nothing ever expires.”

—Erica Haslet, Indiana, PA

“When blinds are at different levels, or one is a little crooked, I just can’t let it go. I’ve actually gotten in my car, glanced back at the house, noticed some window blinds weren’t straight, and run back in to fix them!”

—Jennifer Slater,
Hull, MA

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“In our house everyone has to put his or her **car keys in the ceramic cup** on the kitchen counter. We’re constantly jockeying cars around to get in and out of the garage, so we need keys accessible at all times.”

—Kerri Zane,
Long Beach, CA

“**Dishwasher loading** is big for me—I like to have everything arranged just so. Even if someone’s been kind enough to load the dishwasher for me after a dinner party, I’ll redo it when they leave.”

—Brad Benton,
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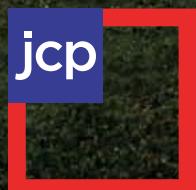
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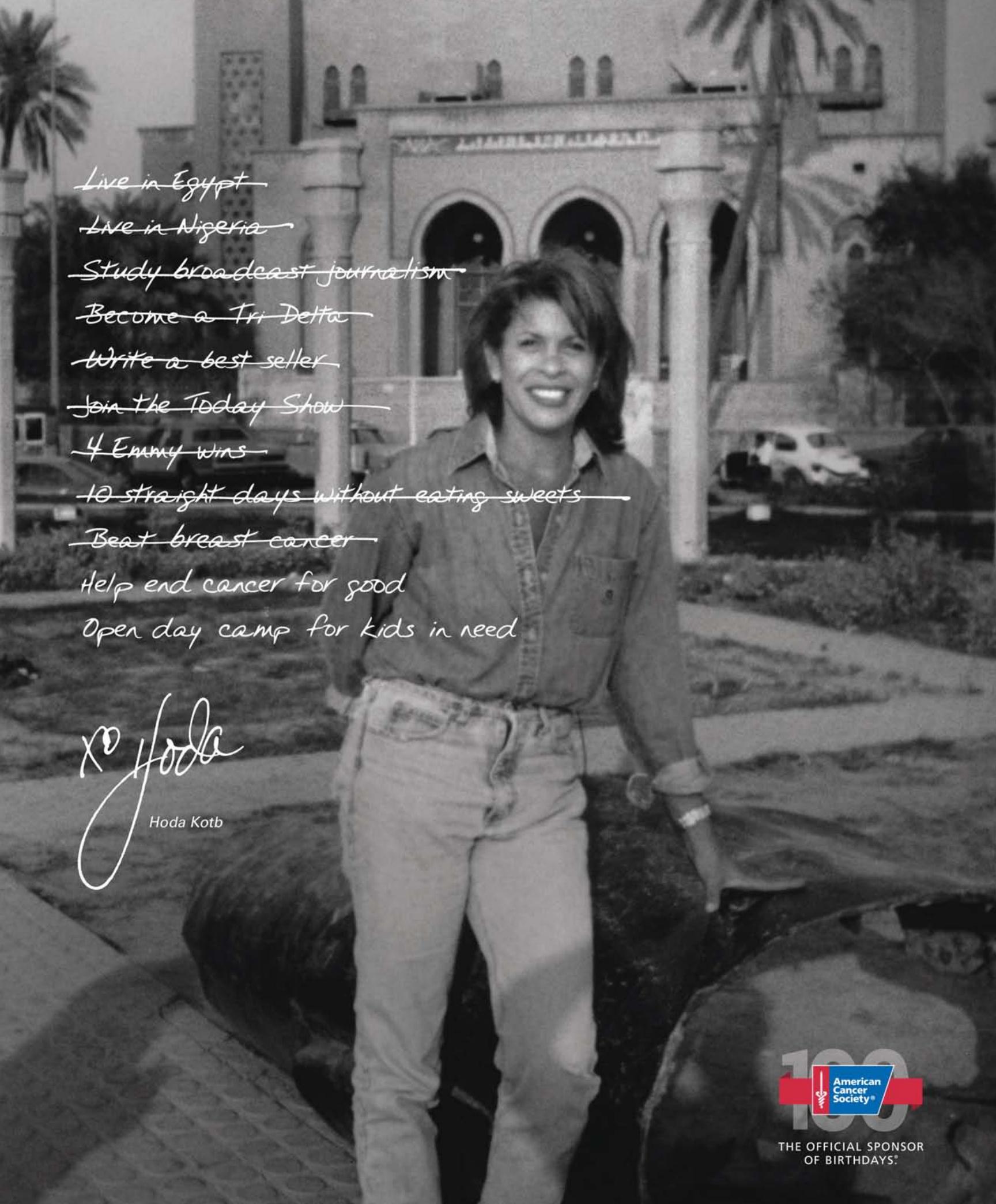
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How high should your kitchen counters be? What's the right spot to hang art?
HGTV Star judge **Vern Yip** shares his measurement cheat sheet.

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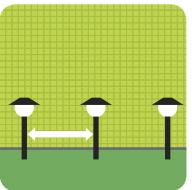
2"

Best distance between a **bed and a nightstand**. You need a little space between these pieces so furniture doesn't look crowded. This is close enough to easily reach an alarm clock or a glass of water.



16–20"

Comfortable **coffee table** height. Most sofas have seats that are 18 to 22 inches high. A coffee table about 2 inches lower is just right for putting up your feet.



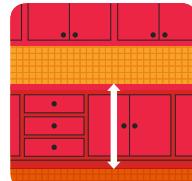
24"

Best distance between **outdoor path lights**. If they're farther apart, you won't see the walkway as clearly.



30–36"

Good height for a **pendant light** above a kitchen island. Offers bright enough task lighting without head/lamp collisions.



36"

Most comfortable height for kitchen **countertops**. Makes food prep easy, and leaves enough space for all standard-size appliances to fit underneath.



2"

Good distance between **pictures** on a gallery wall—horizontally and vertically. The grouping will look cohesive but not cluttered.



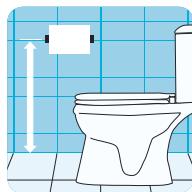
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Best distance between an **area rug** and at least one wall. With a foot to a foot and a half of bare floor, the rug won't look like wall-to-wall carpeting that didn't quite make it.



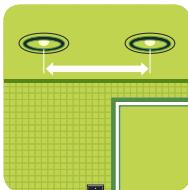
16–18"

Ideal height of a **backsplash**. Make this the measurement between your countertops and upper cabinets or wall shelves—plenty of room to catch and wipe up cooking splashes.



26–28"

Perfect height for the **toilet paper holder**. No awkward stretching!



36"

Ideal distance between **recessed lights** in a kitchen with average-height ceilings (8 to 10 feet). Measure from the center of one fixture to the center of the next. Place fixtures in a straight line or on a grid so they look neat and create a strong beam of light over work surfaces.



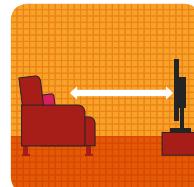
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Standard **headboard** height, from floor to top edge. This leaves about 24 inches from the top of the mattress to the top of the headboard, which is a nice amount of leaning space.



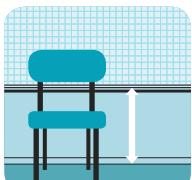
60"

Optimal height for hanging **art and mirrors**. Measure from the floor to the center of the item for an eye-level view.



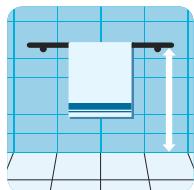
72"

Smart distance from **TV to sofa** or chair. Sit farther than that and you might strain your eyes; closer and viewing isn't comfortable. One exception: If you have a high-def TV, multiply the screen's diagonal measurement by 1½ and use that number instead.



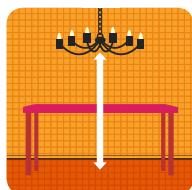
32–40"

Best **chair rail** height. Measure from the floor to the center of the rail. In general, the rail should section off the lower third of a wall.



48"

Good height for hanging a **towel bar** so you can comfortably grab your towel when you step out of the shower. Also keeps extra-long bath towels from hitting the floor.



66"

Ideal height to hang a **chandelier**. Measure from the bottom of the fixture to the floor. This leaves enough room for a centerpiece and doesn't block your line of sight across the table, but still gives you strong enough light for eating.

is your house

TRIM TREE LIMBS.

"Prune branches that extend over your house, particularly any that are dying or dead—the ones that are bare when they should have leaves," says Mike Holmes, host of *Holmes on Homes*. "Doing so will prevent a lot of expensive damage if there's a storm while you're on vacation."

NEVER ANNOUNCE YOU'RE AWAY. Wait until you're home to post vacation pics on Facebook, advises Allstate insurance agent Jim Towns. Also, turn off the volume on your home phone so the ringing won't signal an opportunity to passersby, and don't change your voice mail greeting to say you're out of town.

DON'T TURN OFF THE AC.

It may sound like a waste of money and energy, but a warm temperature indoors can cause mold and mildew to grow in just a few days. "Set the air conditioner to 82 degrees Fahrenheit and your house will stay cool enough to prevent both," says Craig Muccio, energy expert at Florida Power & Light Company.

RUN THE DISHWASHER. After the cycle has finished, empty the dishwasher, then leave the dishwasher door open. That will allow the interior to dry, and it won't smell musty by the time you get home.

POWER DOWN SMALL APPLIANCES. "A power surge can damage these items or even cause a fire," says Jim Towns. Unplug any small appliances and electronics that aren't plugged into a surge protector—such as the toaster and coffeemaker—and turn all your surge protector switches to off.

LIGHT YOUR HOME LIKE YOU'RE THERE. "The kitchen is usually in the back of the house—a favorite spot for break-ins—and it often has no plug-in lights," says Lou Manfredini, Ace's home expert. Move a lamp into the kitchen and plug it into a timer that you can set on random. "You also want to illuminate all the main outdoor entrances," says Mike Holmes. "So buy an outdoor timer, too, and set it so the lights go on at dusk and off at dawn."

CUT THE WATER SUPPLY IN FLOOD-PRONE SPOTS.

If a hose to your dishwasher or washing machine happens to crack or come loose while you're away, you could come back to a flood, so turn off the water supply to those two appliances. For the dishwasher, the lever handle is usually located under the sink. For the washing machine, look for a valve switch behind the machine.

ready for vacation?

Prep your home before you head off on your summer getaway.

ELIMINATE EASY ACCESS.

According to statistics from the FBI, 61% of burglars use force to gain entry, "but they'll often look for open doors and windows first," says Jim Towns. Check that all door and window locks are working (including windows on the second story), and repair any broken glass, particularly in basement windows. Bring in any hidden keys.

MAKE SURE GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND DRAINS ARE CLEAR.

If water overflows from its proper channels, it can seep under siding and flood the basement.

FLUSH THE TOILETS.

Leave the lid up (just this once) so you don't come home to icky, stagnant water.

ENLIST A FRIEND'S HELP. Ask a neighbor to check on your house every other day and to bring in any unexpected deliveries, such as phone books, circulars, and FedEx notices. Make sure she has a key to your house.

SECURE THE GARAGE.

If you're leaving your car at home, park it outside, against the garage door, to block access. Remove garage door remotes from the car and unplug the electric door opener (the box unit attached to the garage ceiling), so the door can't be opened while you're away. Make sure to lock the car and garage doors.

ARM THE ALARMS. Notify your security company that you'll be away. Give a family member or friend your alarm code, the security company's phone number, your itinerary, and your contact numbers. Press the "test" button on your smoke alarms to make sure they work, and change the battery if necessary.

STOP ALL DELIVERIES AND PICKUPS. Have your mail held while you're away. You can sign up online at holdmail.usps.com/holdmail. Don't forget to cancel garbage pickup and newspaper deliveries, too.

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Straight answers to scratch-your-head questions.



...to douse charcoal with lighter fluid?

A: To properly fire up your grill, use enough lighter fluid to lightly coat the top of most of the coals. That means don't pour it on. Anything more than a few squirts is not only wasteful but will also add time to your grilling. "The more fluid you use, the longer it takes to burn off," says Drew McGowan, spokesperson for Kingsford charcoal. Don't let the fluid burn off all the way and your burgers could taste like petroleum instead of beef. Even worse, it could be dangerous: If your coals are already lit and you throw extra lighter fluid on them, you might create a big burst of flames.

BOTTOM LINE: sorta bad!

...to skip recycling at home?

A: You toss a plastic cup in the trash. No big deal, right? Actually, it is. Every year Americans throw out enough plastic utensils and cups to circle the equator 300 times—and that's not counting soda cans, newspapers, or water bottles. If you don't follow your area's guidelines for separating recyclables from garbage, those items could end up in landfills or even as litter, says Lisa King, spokesperson for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Not willing to go whole hog? At least recycle metal, especially aluminum, since it costs the least to break down and repurpose.

BOTTOM LINE: super bad!



...to machine-wash your swimsuit?

A: Most bathing suits are made to stand up to saltwater, chlorine, and sun, and they can take machine-washing, too, as long as you do it right. That means using the gentle cycle, cold water, and a mild, bleach-free detergent. "Wash them in a lingerie bag, like you do with bras," says Giorgi Duvall, senior director of merchandising for Speedo. If your suit has sequins or other embellishments, wash it by hand, since those details could catch in the machine's basin. One big no-no: putting any suit in the dryer. "Heat ruins the Lycra," Duvall says. Instead, hang swimwear on a clothesline, or lay it flat to dry.

BOTTOM LINE: not so bad!

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...to RSVP late to a wedding invitation?

A: Imagine you're the bride, excitedly waiting to see who can make it on your big day, and then: radio silence. Wouldn't you be disappointed? "RSVP'ing to a wedding is a big deal, and not just because it's such an important event," says Anna Post, coauthor of *Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th Edition*. "Weddings are often expensive, and head count affects the price." A late response may not only offend the couple but could also put them in the stressful situation of having to renegotiate with the caterer or rearrange the seating chart at the last minute. Mistakes happen, of course—you could forget, or the invite could get buried under a pile of mail. As soon as you realize that your RSVP is late, call or email the couple, apologize, and let them know whether you can make it.

BOTTOM LINE:
pretty bad!

...to swallow water-melon seeds?

A: The average watermelon has 200 to 800 seeds, so you've probably ingested a few in your life and been fine. The seeds can upset your stomach if you eat handfuls at a time, but in small amounts, both the white and black varieties are harmless,



says Rachel Vreeman, M.D., coauthor of *Don't Swallow Your Gum! Myths, Half-Truths, and Outright Lies About Your Body and Health*. "Your body can't easily digest them whole, so they'll just pass right through your system. No harm, no foul."

BOTTOM LINE:
not bad at all!

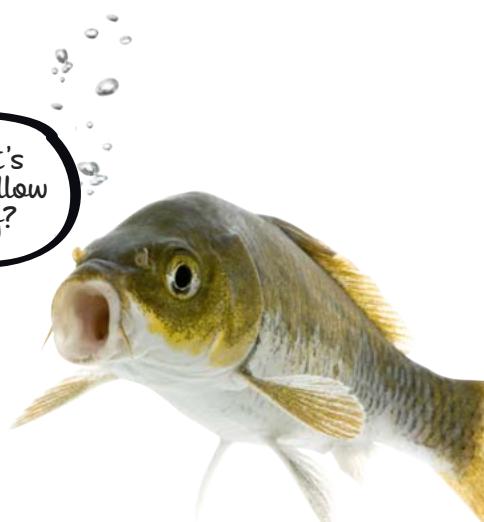
...to not send in the registration card for an appliance?

A: Good news: Neglecting to mail in that little card won't affect your warranty, no matter the size or cost of the appliance. "Unless it states otherwise, you're covered if the item breaks," says Rachel Weintraub, legislative director for the Consumer Federation of America. But that doesn't mean you should just toss the card. Registering an appliance can help if it gets recalled, as it gives the manufacturer a way to contact you. Plus, you can quickly register many products online. To protect your privacy, skip unnecessary personal questions about household income, since those details are often sold to direct marketing companies.

BOTTOM LINE:
sorta bad!



What's
that yellow
stuff?



...to pee in the ocean?

A: While no one's suggesting you use the ocean as your own private toilet—ew!—it's not a health hazard if you or your kids have to go in the water every once in a while. "Believe it or not, urine is sterile enough to drink," says Travis Stork, M.D., cohost of *The Doctors*. "So swimming through it certainly won't hurt you or others." That includes any fish, sea horses, or algae floating by during your bathroom break. Compared with the ocean's vast body of water, the amount of urine we release when we pee is barely a drip. It becomes diluted so quickly that it doesn't have the chance to impact ocean life or other swimmers.

BOTTOM LINE:
not bad at all!

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let's talk garbage

We polled you about trash and got all the dirt!

You're alone in the car and just finished eating a granola bar. The wrapper goes:

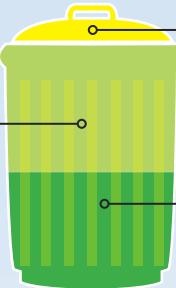
72% In the "car can" or bag you keep around for trash.
18% In your purse.
10% On the floor.

Have you ever taken something out of the neighbor's trash that looked too good to throw away?

36%

Absolutely! One neighbor's trash is another neighbor's treasure.

Your neighbor put his trash can in front of your house. What do you do?



51% Politely ask him to stop the next time you see him.
3% Stick a note on the can that says "Move your garbage!"
46% Move the can back onto his property.

Do you rinse out items before you recycle them?

53% Yes, always. Pasta sauce jars, dog food cans, the works.
27% Sometimes, if there's a lot of gunk left in the container.
8% Never. I've got enough to do in the kitchen.
12% Shh...I don't recycle.

You don't want the credit card applications that came in the mail. You:

19% Throw them in the garbage as is.
30% Rip them into pieces and toss 'em.
51% Put them in the shredder.



You've just finished eating takeout. Where do you put the plastic containers?

48% In the recycling bin.
40% In the regular garbage.
12% In the dishwasher.

You use a poop bag to clean up after your dog two blocks from home. And then you:

80% Bring the bag home and throw it in your garbage.
11% Throw it out in the nearest neighbor's garbage.
9% What poop bag?

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6 best gel pens

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11 best scrapbook paper

These thick, textured pages come in tons of patterns in coordinated colors. **Recollections paper pad, \$20 for 48 sheets, Michaels stores**



12 best stick-on embellishment

Glam up scrapbook pages and other paper projects with these adhesive rhinestones. **Recollections Bling on a Roll, \$5 for 1 yard, Michaels stores**



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best glitter Ultrafine and extra shimmery, it comes in dozens of colors, from jewel tones to neons. **Martha Stewart Crafts fine glitter, \$21 for 12 vials, shop.marthastewart.com**



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best paper punch

This easy-to-squeeze punch can cut three versions of the same motif, and works even on thick card stock. **Layering punch, \$22, eksuccessbrands.com**



7 best fabric paint Fabric paints often turn material stiff. Not the case with these fade-proof colors, which can be applied with a brush or stamp. **Jacquard Textile Color, \$4.50 for 2½ ounces, dharmatradings.com**

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best crafts paint

One of the creamiest, smoothest paints available, this one works on terra-cotta, wood, metal, plaster, and canvas.

FolkArt acrylic paint, \$2 for 2 ounces, shop.plaidonline.com



2 best tech tool

Hook this electronic cutter up to your computer to slice vinyl, fabric, or paper into custom stencils. **Silhouette Cameo, \$300, silhouetteamerica.com**



3 best all-purpose glue

An adhesive so strong you can use it on outdoor projects, like gluing tile to a planter or table. **E6000 adhesive, \$5 for 2 ounces, joann.com**



14 best crafts brush

A step up from cheapie options, these brushes have rubber handles and can apply tempera, watercolor, and acrylic paints. **Craft Smart Golden Taklon brushes, \$8 for a set of 7, [Michaels stores](http://Michaels.com)**



4 best utility blade

Nothing beats this ergonomic knife when it comes to cutting out details or curvy designs. **X-Acto Designer Series craft knife, \$8, amazon.com**



9 best stamps and ink pads

Playful, highly detailed designs make these wood-backed stamps stand out. **Rubber stamps, from \$5 each, paper-source.com**
These high-quality pigments are so vivid and fade-resistant, you'd swear they cost twice as much. **ColorBox Pigment ink pad, \$7, joann.com**



15 best decoupage topcoat

This silver-flecked finish takes decoupage to the next level. Apply it over a picture and it forms a hard, raised shell that looks like glittery glass. **Mod Podge Dimensional Magic, \$7, shop.plaidonline.com**

5 best cutting mat It's a splurge, but this self-healing mat stands up to thousands of little nicks. Protect your table with it when you're cutting with a sharp blade. **Olfa 24" x 36" cutting mat, \$130, shopworldkitchen.com**

10 best corner cutter

Instantly upgrade plain gift tags by rounding their corners with this classic paper punch. **Corner-rounding punch, \$9, carlmfg.com**



16 best hot glue gun

This glue gun has two temperatures and a stand to save your table from drips. Its tiny size makes it easy to stash. **Surebonder Ultra mini glue gun, \$11, dickblick.com**



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talk to a toolman

Should you hire a pro or tackle that home repair yourself? *Elbow Room's* **Chip Wade** weighs in on five common questions.

Q What can I do about stains on my granite countertops?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.

Granite may look solid, but it's actually porous and can absorb spills if not sealed well. If you have nonoily stains, such as coffee, use concentrated hydrogen peroxide, found at beauty supply stores—it's often

labeled developer. For oily stains, like salad dressing, use concentrated acetone. (It's different from nail polish remover.) Wearing rubber gloves, soak some paper towels in the peroxide or acetone, then layer them over the soiled area. Cover with plastic wrap, taping the edges. Let sit for 24 hours, then peel up the plastic, leaving the towels in place until dry. Repeat until the stain is gone, then wipe with granite cleaner and coat with granite sealer.

Q When I blow-dry my hair, I always trip a circuit. What's going on?

CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO.

The electrical wires in your house that power your dryer probably aren't thick enough to handle the amount of electricity you need, so they overheat, tripping the circuit breaker. A licensed electrician will remove or disable the old wires and install new ones. He may need to make and patch a few holes in your walls too. The process should take less than a day and cost a few hundred dollars.



Q Can I patch a small hole in a window screen?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.

If the hole is less than four inches, you can mend it. At the hardware store, get a patch that matches the material of your screen—metal, fiberglass, or nylon.

Metal looks and feels like wire, while fiberglass and nylon are softer. Remove the screen and, using a utility knife, cut around the hole so it becomes a square. Trim the patch slightly bigger than the square. If you have nylon or fiberglass, adhere the patch with superglue. For metal, bend the wires around the edges of the patch into right angles. Place the patch over the hole, then bend the wires flat on the other side to clamp it in place.

Q How do I revive my weathered wood deck?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO.

Sweep the deck, then use a long-handled, stiff-bristle brush to scrub on a deck wash (like Concrobium house and deck wash, \$12, homedepot.com) to remove dirt and mold. Rinse with a hard stream of water, then apply a wood brightener (try Thompson's WaterSeal deck cleaner and

“The boards on your deck can warp if not totally sealed, so coat their undersides, too.”

brightener, \$16, farmandfleet.com) to restore the boards' original color. Let dry, and apply a wood sealer. Wood can warp if it's not all sealed, so get under your deck, if you can, and coat the underside, too.

Q My automatic garage door won't open. Is there an easy fix?

CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO.

The culprit is likely the photo eyes, little sensors that detect if a person or object is in the door's path. The eyes sit on either side of the door near the ground, and if they're dirty or misaligned, the door won't work. You can try wiping them with a cloth, but if that doesn't fix the problem, you'll probably have to call in a garage repair technician. If the eyes are broken or knocked out of place, he can easily put in new ones. If they're not the problem, he can troubleshoot the door's motor, track, and cables.

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TWEEZERS

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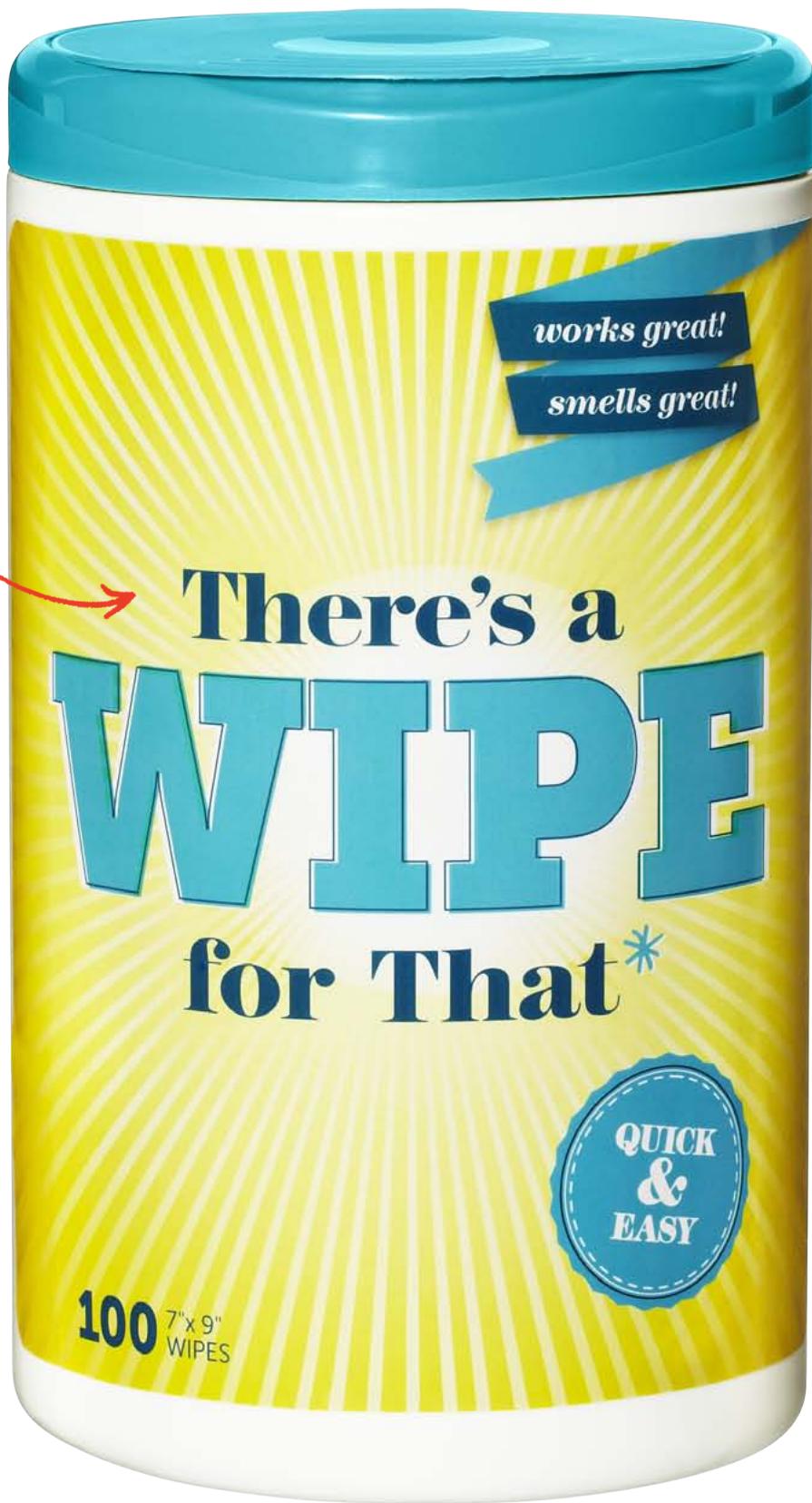
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\$14 for 8 wipes,
avon.com

"I'm a mosquito magnet, so I took these wipes on a trip to Mexico, where the nights get buggy. One wipe covered my arms, legs, feet, and back, and it smelled a lot better than bug spray."

The next morning, I was shocked: not a single bite. Take that, mosquitoes!" —Barbara Ovrutsky, photo director

WOOD

Murphy Soft Wipes

\$4.50 for 18 wipes, [soap.com](#)

"Some wood cleaners can leave an oily-looking residue on furniture, so I was excited to try these wipes, which promised zero buildup. I ran one over my wood mantel and buffet table, then flipped it and used the other side to clean my wood trim and two doors in my apartment. One wipe went a long way. It picked up lots of dust and dirt, and left my wood clean with no greasy coating. Plus, the wipes don't have a strong scent, which I appreciated."

—Jennifer Berno,
home editor



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CLOTHING

Shout Wipes

\$6 for 12 wipes, [amazon.com](#)

"My usual approach to stains is to throw the thing in the wash and hope for the best. But one of these wipes erased a grape jelly blob on my daughter's white tank top in about 30 seconds. At first it left behind a slight ring, but it came out after I moistened the wipe with warm water, as the package suggested. Totally worth keeping the individually wrapped packets in your bag." —Betsy Goldberg, deputy editor



STAINLESS STEEL

Weiman Stainless Steel Wipes

\$6 for 30 wipes, [soap.com](#)

"I was hesitant at first because the wipes didn't seem moist enough to clean effectively. But they turned out to be great. I used two to clean my fridge, dishwasher, range, and microwave. It says to rub in the direction of the stainless grain, but I couldn't tell what direction that was and found it worked fine to buff in circles. Everything looked brand-new. Makes it a pleasure to walk into the kitchen!" —Ridge Carpenter, art director



BATHROOM

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\$3.50 for 28 wipes, grocery stores

"I don't like the overpowering chemical-y scent of a lot of bathroom cleaners, so I was happy to test one that promised to leave my bathroom smelling like a citrus grove. It took only a few go-arounds with two wipes to do a thorough job on my toilet and sink—can't get much easier than that. Best part: They're flushable!" —Erica Cohen, assistant editor



UPHOLSTERY

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\$13 for 12 wipes, [amazon.com](#)

"Our 95-pound dog, Beckett, has a favorite napping spot on the couch. I wasn't so sure a nontoxic, 'green' wipe would be able to get out the weeks-old dirt stains he left there, but I followed the instructions and blotted the area with the wipe, then scrubbed the stain in a circular motion. The spot stayed damp for about 30 minutes, but when I checked it later, the couch cushion looked like new." —Anne Jensen Waterhouse, copy chief

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"I liked these pet wipes a lot, and our shaggy wheaten terrier, Bam Bam, didn't mind them either. The fragrance is a combo of citrus and baby powder, and each wipe is large and moist enough to clean city dirt off of all four paws. I also used them for a quick head-to-tail wipe down. In the morning, I actually said out loud, 'Bam Bam, you look so clean!' —**Brett Hill**, executive editor



TANNING

L'Oréal Sublime Bronze Self-Tanning Towelettes for Body

\$11 for 6 wipes, walmart.com

"I'm no stranger to self-tanning lotions, but I had never tried a wipe before. These aren't wet-wet, like hand wipes, but lightweight and powdery, without that dead-giveaway self-tanner odor. It's easy to cover tricky spots like your collarbone and elbows, and my 'tan'—which I got lots of compliments on—lasted two weeks." —**Sara Peterson**, editor in chief



GRILL

Grate Chef Grill Wipes

\$5 for 6 wipes, amazon.com

"Could a little piece of cloth remove grilled-on food without falling apart? I was dubious. I set my grill to the lowest temperature, put a wipe on the head of my grill brush, and scrubbed away. Not only did the grates come out clean, but since the wipes are covered in vegetable oil, it also left a thin coating of grease for our next grill night." —**Colleen Sullivan**, contributing editor

CELL PHONE

Wireless Wipes

\$3 for 12 wipes, wirelesswipes.com

"A few go-overs with these thick, cottony wipes erased all the smudges and fingerprints on my cell phone screen. I also like that they're moistened with germ-killing rubbing alcohol. Now I stash a packet in my purse." —**Jessica Dodell-Feder**, senior associate editor



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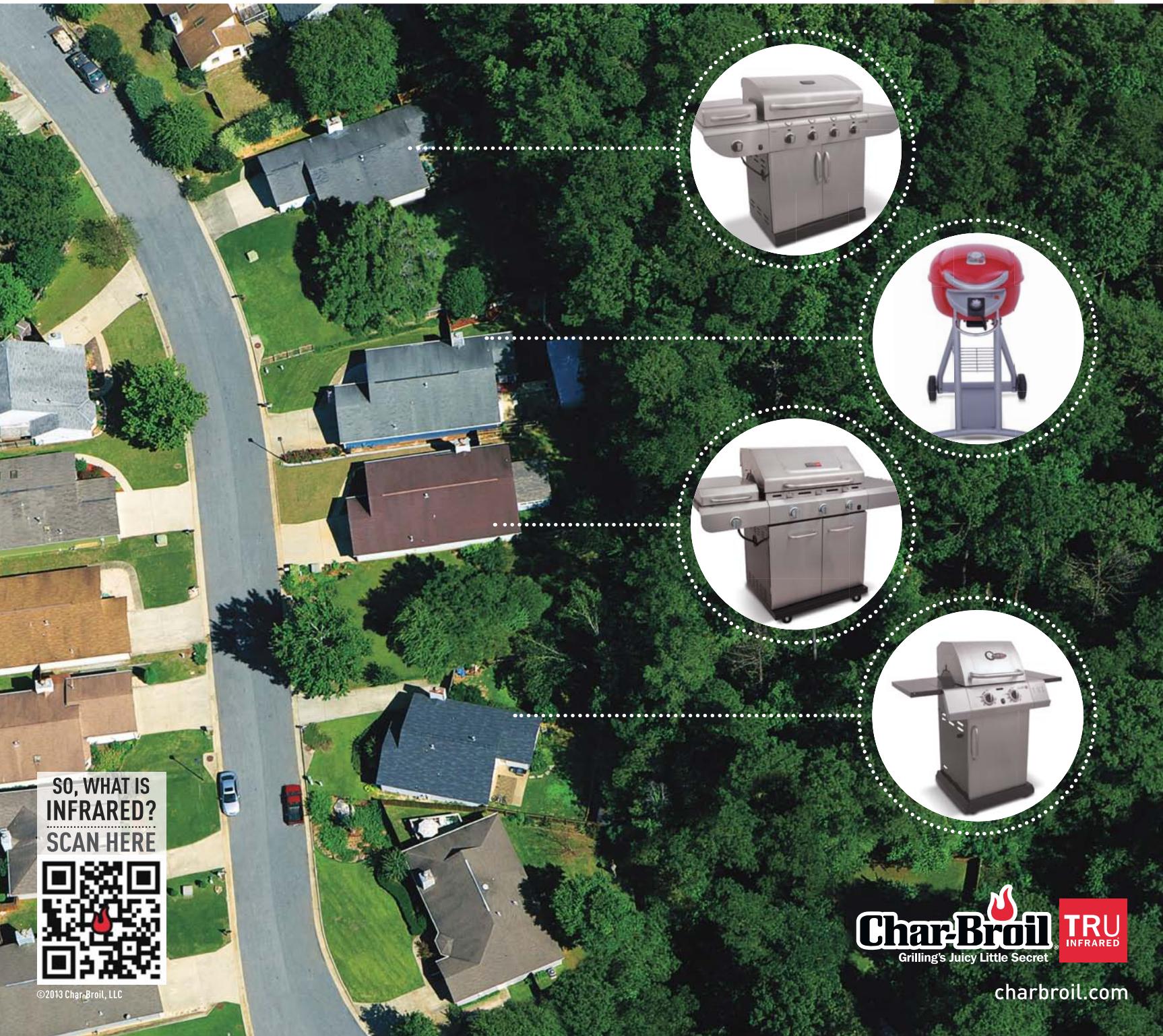
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No more side-of-the-sink whacks. Twist the ends of this silicone tray to instantly dislodge the cubes. The dishwasher-safe tray comes in seven colors, so it won't get lost in a sea of freezer leftovers.



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I want...
A TV stand
that doesn't
look like
a TV stand

This classic cabinet, with its white finish and brushed nickel hardware, is a nice piece of furniture worthy of holding books, baskets, and electronics, plus perching up your TV. And it comes with holes predrilled in the back to put cords through.

OUR PICK
Paterson 47½"W x 19"D x 26½"H media console in white, \$399, crateandbarrel.com

I want...
A natural
rug that
doesn't feel
scratchy

A go-with-everything natural fiber rug is the easiest thing to put down in a room—but it's not always easy on bare feet. This one combines jute with cotton, giving it durability plus softness. Slip a rug pad under it to keep it in place.

OUR PICK
Chambord 4' x 6' jute rug, from \$139
(binding is extra); naturalarearugs.com

I want...
A sturdy
step stool
that's simple
to fold up

Bulky step stools that pinch fingers when they close are zero help. This two-step version with a mahogany finish opens and closes smoothly, holds up to 225 pounds, folds flat, and weighs a little over 13 pounds.

OUR PICK
Cosco Rockford wood step stool,
\$54.50, qvc.com

I want...
A ceiling
fan that
isn't an
eyesore

Here's a fan/light combo that looks great wherever it spins. The blades have two finishes—white on one side, whitewashed pine on the other—so you can reverse them and change the look. It also comes with a remote, and can turn clockwise or counter-clockwise to cool or warm up a room.

OUR PICK
Westinghouse Cumulus 3-blade 48" indoor ceiling fan, \$240, amazon.com

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I want... Pretty dish towels that actually dry dishes

Cooks rely on these Turkish cotton towels to soak up water, dry pots and pans, and wipe up spills. The basket weave texture is the secret to their absorbency. Comes in blue, green, red, and yellow.



OUR PICK

Contrast-stripe dish towels, \$20 for a set of 4, williams-sonoma.com

I want... Place mats that are pretty and easy to clean

You won't believe these soft place mats are actually made of vinyl. They clean off with a damp sponge and come in lots of colors, shapes, and patterns. And even though they're made for outdoor use, they'll fit right in at a dinner party inside, too.



OUR PICK

Brush Dot place mat, \$16.50, chilewich.com

I want... Magnets that won't fall off the fridge

Seems crazy to need a handful of magnets to attach a photo to the fridge. With these strong dots, use one and you're done. Each $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch circle holds up to 10 sheets of paper—and it won't block what you're showing off.



OUR PICK

Mighty Magnets, \$13 for a set of 16, containerstore.com

I want... Down pillows that keep their shape

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supermarket snoop

What does a grilling pro buy for a BBQ at home? Chef Elizabeth Karmel, a North Carolina native and author of three grilling cookbooks, shares her favorites.



1 Boar's Head beef knockwurst

“These have a well-balanced spicy flavor that doesn’t taste processed, and you get that snap when you bite in. Since the casing is thick, it stands up to grilling better than standard hot dogs.”

\$6.50 for 16 ounces, grocery stores

2 Good Health Natural Foods olive oil potato chips

“A lot of chips are so thin that it feels like you’re eating just salt, but with these you taste the potato. Plus, they’re cooked in olive oil, so I feel healthier eating them.”

\$4 for 5 ounces, Walmart

3 Maille Dijon Originale mustard

“I like a strong mustard to add flavor to meat, and this Dijon is sharper than others. I use it with mayo on burgers, and it’s also great on hot dogs and chicken.”

\$4 for 7½ ounces, grocery stores

4 Martin's long roll potato rolls

“It’s not easy to find buns that stay soft. The potato adds a little sweetness, and these hold up well to meat without falling apart.”

\$3.50 for 15 ounces, grocery stores

5 Mexican Coca-Cola

“It’s fizzier and has a fresher taste than the kind made in the U.S. And it comes in thick glass bottles, so it keeps cold—perfect for barbecues.”

\$42 for a 24-pack, walmart.com

6 Bone Suckin' Sauce

“I created a special barbecue sauce for my restaurant, Hill Country, so that’s the kind I use most. But this one’s a great grocery store pick. Vinegar, tomato, and molasses give it a slightly sweet flavor with a kick.”

\$6 for 16 ounces, grocery stores

7 Wickles original pickles

“Absolutely addictive! These thick-cut garlicky pickles are just the perfect combo of sweet and spicy, and they stay crisp. Serve them as a side or on top of burgers.”

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aviary blue

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

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"This master bath is in a little beach house, so I chose a blue that looks like a clear summer sky to make stripes on a crisp white wall. If you're painting a small space, wide stripes—these are a foot tall—make the room look bigger."

—Josh Greene, Shagreen Interior Design, New York, NY



wow!

what color is that?

These paint shades stopped us in our tracks. We asked the designers to spill their secret sources.

fun decorating



olive

BY FARROW & BALL

"I wanted to add a fun surprise to this house's simple exterior, so I painted the door and shutters this soft green, which plays off the green in the landscaping. I've used it on kitchen cabinets, too, and it looks amazing, especially if you do another accent piece in the kitchen, like a hutch or a table, the same color."

—Katie Rosenfeld, Katie Rosenfeld Design, Boston, MA



deep crimson

BY DUNN-EDWARDS

"Dark red is a tough color to live with, but you won't get tired of this brownish red. It's dramatic but not in-your-face, especially paired with white trim, a white ceiling, and white chairs. If it could talk, it would say, 'Invite me to dinner. I'm warm, spicy, and a conversation starter!'"

—Jennifer Jones, Niche Interiors,
San Francisco, CA

greyhound

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"This color keeps you guessing. Is it blue? Is it green? Is it gray? It's all of those! Try using it in a guest bedroom. That's usually the room that gets the castoffs, so painting it an interesting color makes the space feel special."

—Heather Blue Harkovich, Heather Scott Home & Design, Austin, TX





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dark salmon

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"One way to style a space is to set colorful accents against a white wall. Another option: white accents on a poppy wall, which is what I did in my dining room. This vibrant, happy shade of red is on just one wall, in an eggshell finish."

—Megan Pearson, Meg Designs, Los Angeles, CA



popcorn

BY PRATT & LAMBERT

"If a white room were lit only by candles, it would look like this buttery shade. Here's a trick when you're working with a color that's not a strong color: Pair it with white to make it stand out."

—Tim Clarke, Tim Clarke Interior Design, Santa Monica, CA



turtle lake

BY DUNN-EDWARDS

"This was a pretty traditional kitchen, and the family living here is a fun, happy bunch. I said, 'You guys need some teal!' So I did just the upper cabinet frames this bright color, then sprinkled it around in other spots—on the backsplash tile and the cabinet knobs."

—Erica Islas, EMI Interior Design, Culver City, CA

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van buren brown

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Artwork gets noticed with deep brown as a backdrop. I used it in this light-filled sunroom to make it feel warm and cozy. The color reminds me of a delicious cappuccino."

—Frank Laney, Ellsworth-Hallett Home Professionals, Savannah, GA



cook's blue

BY FARROW & BALL

"You get a lot of blue for your buck with this color since it's so rich. Putting it against the mostly black-and-white wallpaper really makes the paint pop out. I used a high-gloss finish on this vanity, but it would also look amazing in a matte finish on kitchen cabinets."

—Zoe Feldman, Zoe Feldman Design, Washington, D.C.



softened green

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"I tend to use neutrals that are on the gray/green side because they go with anything. And they're a little less expected than putting beige on the wall. This color blends so nicely with the view of the yard you get from the glass doors."

—Kara Cox, Kara Cox Interiors, Greensboro, NC

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the high/low list

With **Sabrina Soto**, host of *The High Low Project*, we pulled together some dynamic duos with drastically different price tags.



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Navy piping around the edges gives this outdoor pillow a finished look.
Jiti Bedding Coral 12" x 20" polyester outdoor pillow in sky, wayfair.com



\$25

Remarkably similar, minus the piping—buy a few for your porch or deck.
Coral 12" x 20" polyester outdoor pillow in blue, grandinroad.com

\$399

Check out the intricately carved turned legs on this classic Queen Anne dining chair.

Baltic birch chair, ethanallen.com



\$179

A look-alike with a great shape—and it's available in six finishes.

Sheffield wood side chair in warm cherry finish, homedecorators.com



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These double-fired porcelain dishes are microwave-, dishwasher-, and oven-safe to 350°F.

Thomas by Rosenthal Sunny Day Stripes dinnerware (pieces sold individually; price is for 4 four-piece place settings), macy's.com



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Deal alert! Each place setting includes both salad *and* dessert plates.

Marble Swirl porcelain dinnerware (price is for a set of 4 five-piece place settings), echodesign.com

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The loose padded pillow makes this chaise ultra comfy. And it comes in 300 fabrics.

Holden 79" acrylic and polyester chaise in tetris maize, roomandboard.com



\$899

A shorter arm and plush back streamline this velvet option's shape.

Lorimer 66" chaise in dandelion velvet, westelm.com

\$10

A decorative crackly finish gives this jar passed-down-from-Grandma appeal.

Chalkboard 3 3/4"-tall stoneware spice jar in sky, anthropologie.com



\$5

The silicone gasket lid screws on to keep contents fresh.

4 1/10"-tall ceramic spice jar in aqua, worldmarket.com



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An antique-mirrored top and hand-applied gold leaf finish are luxe touches.

Worlds Away Gold Hexagonal 24" x 19" side table, laylagrayce.com

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Hexagon 24" x 19" side table, urbanoutfitters.com



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1 Auto-tilt 10' x 6'6" polyester market umbrella in Sunbrella seaside Seville with stand, \$419, homedecorators.com
2 Luxembourg aluminum chairs in paprika, \$326 each, fermobusa.com for stores **3** Key lime 33-ounce margarita mix, \$15, williams-sonoma.com **4** Mariposa Vidrio green confetti glass, \$75 for a set of 4, scarlettalley.com **5** Round 38" steel bistro table in willow green, \$363, fermobusa.com for stores **6** Iron and glass 9½"-tall lantern in cool blue, \$45, hayneedle.com



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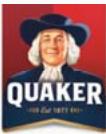
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1 Catalina Cove stripe 8'11" x 9' polyester umbrella, \$160, and umbrella stand, \$50, both pier1.com **2** Sabrina polypropylene chairs in orange, \$129 each, roomandboard.com **3** Tres Agaves 34-ounce margarita mix, \$8, worldmarket.com **4** Capri highball glass, \$32 for a set of 4, zgallerie.com **5** Cafe Collection 36" iron table in green, \$179, ballarddesigns.com **6** Teal blue crackle 10"-tall glass lantern, \$30, lampsplus.com



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Tangier #2 15¾" x 15¾" hammered
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The furniture designer at her table



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#2

The rug designer in her living room



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1 RUG COLOR MOTTO:

"You don't have to decide between bright walls and a colorful rug—do both! Pick one shade in a multicolored rug and paint the walls that color, like I did in my living room with teal. It makes the space look pulled together."

**2 MOST COMMON
RUG MISTAKE:**

"The placement. People often put their rug all the way against the wall and then put their sofa right on top of it, also backed up to the wall. A better look is to leave about a foot of space between the wall and the edge of the rug, and rest only the front legs of your sofa on top of the rug."

**3 PEOPLE DON'T
KNOW THAT:**

"You should rotate your rug 180 degrees every three to four months—that way it will wear evenly."



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The pillow designer on her sofa

take it from an insider

1 MIX AND MATCH STRATEGY:

"I'm easygoing about picking pillows. I tell people just to find designs you love and choose a bunch of fun colors that work with the room. I do follow a simple size guideline, though: I almost always go with 18" x 18" pillows—they're big enough to be supportive but never overwhelming on a couch or bed."

2 BUYING SECRET:

"Choose inserts that are two inches bigger than the cases. It gives pillows a fuller, plusher look."

3 PEOPLE ALWAYS ASK ME:

"Whether the two pillows on the ends of the sofa have to match. The answer is no. Sure, you can do pairs, but I think an imbalance is more fun."

Pillows make any dark couch look brighter.

Judy Ross,
Judy Ross Textiles

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Answer 6 CDE Questions

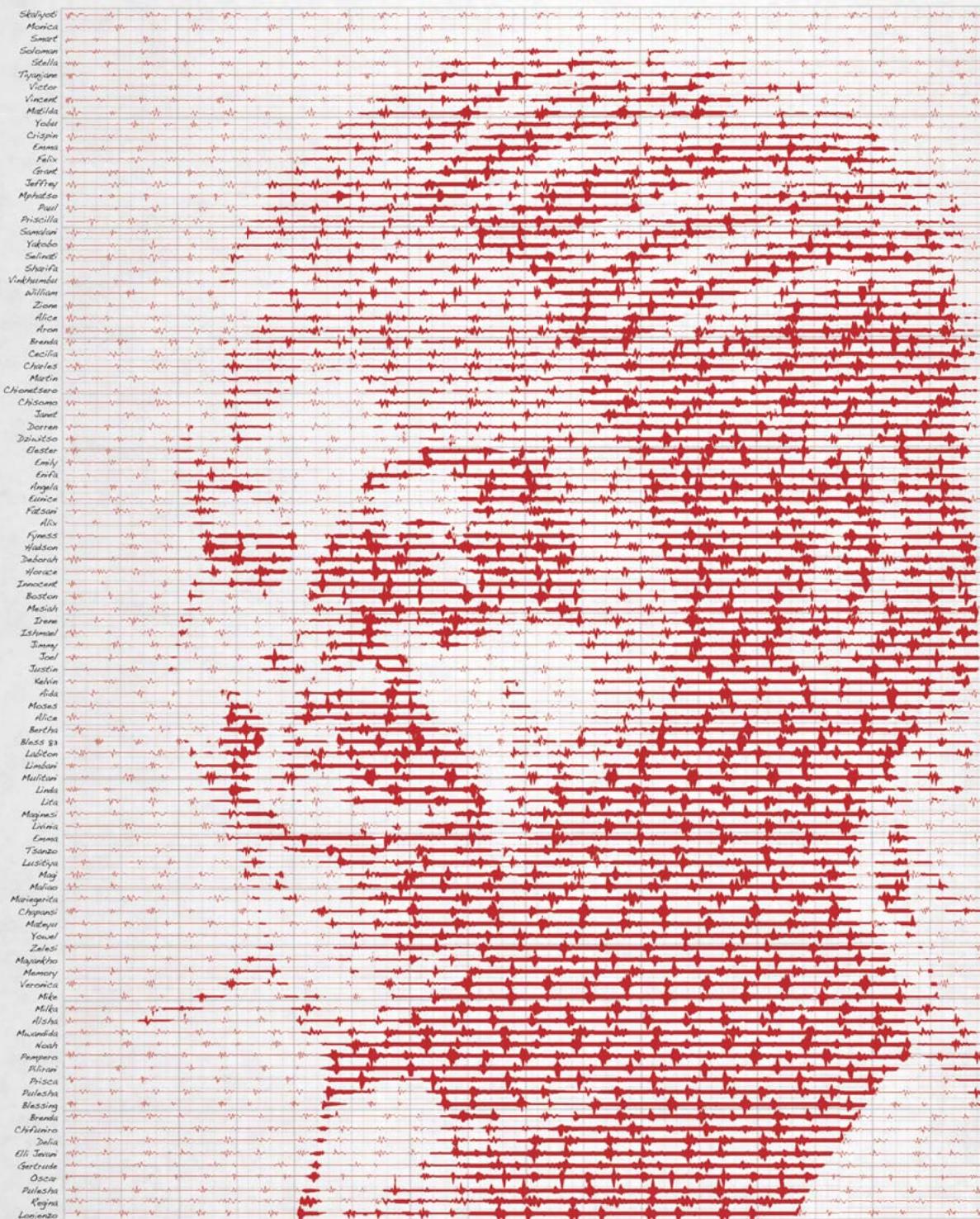


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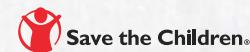
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Lime green + lavender + sunny yellow.

A potting bench with these colors is a bright spot all summer.



TOP YOUR TABLE WITH ZINC
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choose a bench



Smith & Hawken premium quality 51"W x 24"D x 63½"H mahogany bench, \$799, target.com



Atlantic Outdoor 48"W x 24"D x 60"H fir and hardwood potting bench, \$118, wayfair.com



Natural Wood 35-45½"W x 18"D x 51"H bench, \$120, worldmarket.com

pick a pretty green



Sassy Green
by Valspar



Nurture Green
by HGTV HOME by
Sherwin-Williams



Electric Slide by
Benjamin Moore
(This is the color we
used on the cover.)

pot a hydrangea

On our cover, we painted stripes on a terra-cotta pot using Golden Promise and Ultra White, both by Valspar.



Imax Ellis 10" x 8½"-diameter graphic ceramic planter, \$88.50 for a mixed set of 3, wayfair.com



Lulu 15"H x 18"-diameter
fiberglass planter, \$129,
grandinroad.com



Orange stripes 9½"H x
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\$85, emiliaceramics.com

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SOURCES, SEE PAGE 176.



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“ I think green goes with everything, so I like a classic gray-green on the siding, with a darker green-black on the shutters and door.”

—Kevin Walsh, Bear-Hill Interiors, Little Rock, AR



siding



Front Porch
by Sherwin-Williams

trim



Westhighland White
by Sherwin-Williams

front door + shutters



French Beret
by Benjamin Moore

“ We always fall head over heels for dark navy homes, which don’t show dirt like light ones do. A sunny yellow door really pops out against the blue.”

—Sherry and John Petersik, bloggers at Young House Love, Richmond, VA



siding



Westcott Navy
by Benjamin Moore

trim + shutters



Decorators White
by Benjamin Moore

front door



Full Sun
by Valspar

“ White is pretty traditional, but a bright green door totally changes the look, and a little sky blue above the porch is a great finishing touch.”

—John Lum, John Lum Architecture, San Francisco, CA



siding + trim



Pale Face
by Kelly-Moore Paints

porch roof



Swirling Water
by Kelly-Moore Paints

front door



Sporting Green
by Kelly-Moore Paints

“ I’ve used this color so often that we call it ‘Gidding Gray’ at my office. The dark shutters draw attention to the windows, sort of like mascara.”

—John Gidding, Curb Appeal: The Block



siding



Porpoise by
Sherwin-Williams

trim



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shutters



Inkwell by
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“Don’t be afraid to do bright yellow on the door and on the shutters. Just keep the house and trim white to soften all the color.”

—Angie Hranowsky, Angie Hranowsky Studio, Charleston, SC



siding



Soft Chamois
by Benjamin Moore

trim



Seed Pearl
by Pratt & Lambert

front door + shutters



Lemon Grove
by Benjamin Moore

“This combo is classic but edgy. The black shutters and door make the blue seem neutral, but it won’t look like every other house on the block.”

—Meg Caswell, Meg’s Great Rooms



siding



Cathedral Glass
by Pittsburgh Paints

trim



Candlelit Beige
by Pittsburgh Paints

front door + shutters



Black Magic
by Pittsburgh Paints

“So many house styles look great painted white. The best way to accent it is with black shutters and a red door—you can’t go wrong!”

—Paige Schnell, Tracery Interiors, Rosemary Beach, FL



siding + trim



Snowbound
by Sherwin-Williams

shutters



Midnight Oil
by Benjamin Moore

front door



Heritage Red
by Benjamin Moore

“This is my favorite white for trim because it’s rich, like the color of heavy whipping cream. The pale blue front door adds a little zing to the gray siding.”

—Ramey Caulkins, Griffin Design Source, Denver, CO



siding



Archival
by C2 Paint

trim



White Blush
by Benjamin Moore

shutters



Tricorn Black
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front door



Skylight
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“Khaki won’t look boring if you add red accents. But a little goes a long way: Use it on just the door and window sashes, and keep the trim white.”

—Tim Barber, Tim Barber Ltd. Architecture, Los Angeles, CA



siding



Downing Sand by Sherwin-Williams

trim



Downy by Sherwin-Williams

shutters



Grizzle Gray by Sherwin-Williams

front door + sashes



Roycroft Copper Red by Sherwin-Williams

“I love a gray-blue scheme. Charcoal on the shutters gets noticed but isn’t too dramatic. A rich blue front door looks great all year.”

—Sarah Richardson, Sarah 101



siding



Steeple Gray by Pittsburgh Paints

trim



Volcanic Ash by Pittsburgh Paints

shutters + sashes



Railings by Farrow & Ball

front door



Pitch Blue by Farrow & Ball

“Here’s a great combination that will stand the test of time: earthy green with off-white trim and warm black-brown on the shutters and door.”

—Beth Haley, Beth Haley Design, Nashville, TN



siding



Aganthus Green by Benjamin Moore

trim



White Heron by Sherwin-Williams

front door + shutters



Black Fox by Sherwin-Williams

3 HOUSEPAINTING TRICKS

DON'T TRUST A CHIP.

Exterior paints look three to four shades lighter on a house than on a chip. Before deciding, paint a 5-foot-square patch on your house. Outline it in white to better judge the hue.

GO FOR HIGH CONTRAST.

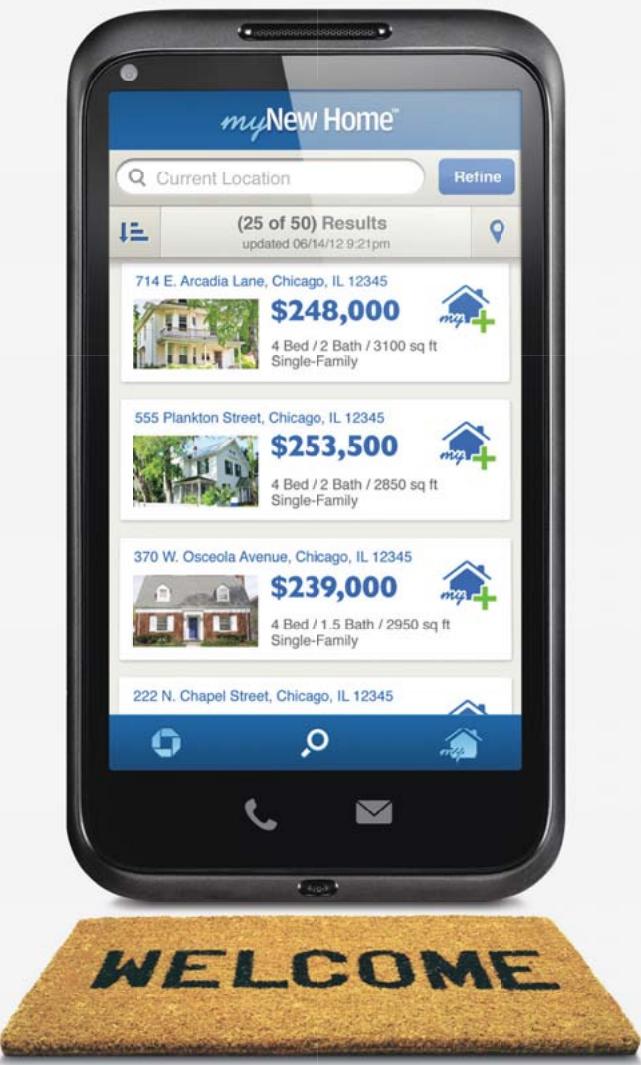
If you love dark trim, choose a color that's at least three shades darker than the siding on your house. Any lighter and you won't notice much difference between them.

ADD BRIGHT ACCENTS.

For some unexpected curb appeal, paint the stair risers, porch ceiling, and front door the same vivid color. Use a semigloss finish for extra durability.



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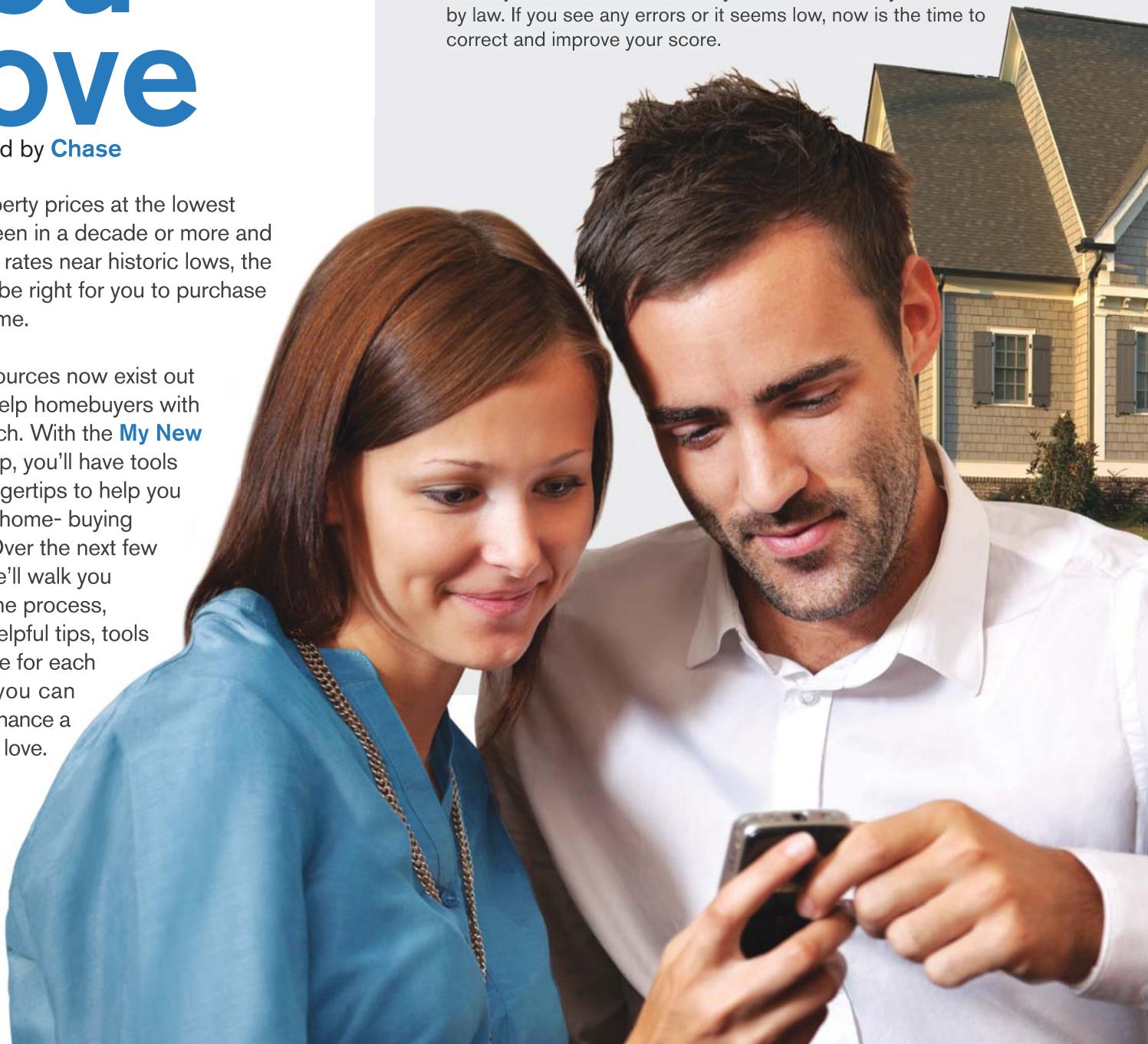
Evaluate Your Life & Finances

The first step toward buying a home is to make sure that you fully understand the lifestyle changes and financial responsibilities that come with homeownership.

Check Point: Do a credit check

Good credit is critical to buying a home, and is one of the key drivers in securing a loan. A good credit rating can help you get better loan options and interest rates.

Before you start searching listings, check your credit score with the major credit bureaus, which you can do once a year for free by law. If you see any errors or it seems low, now is the time to correct and improve your score.



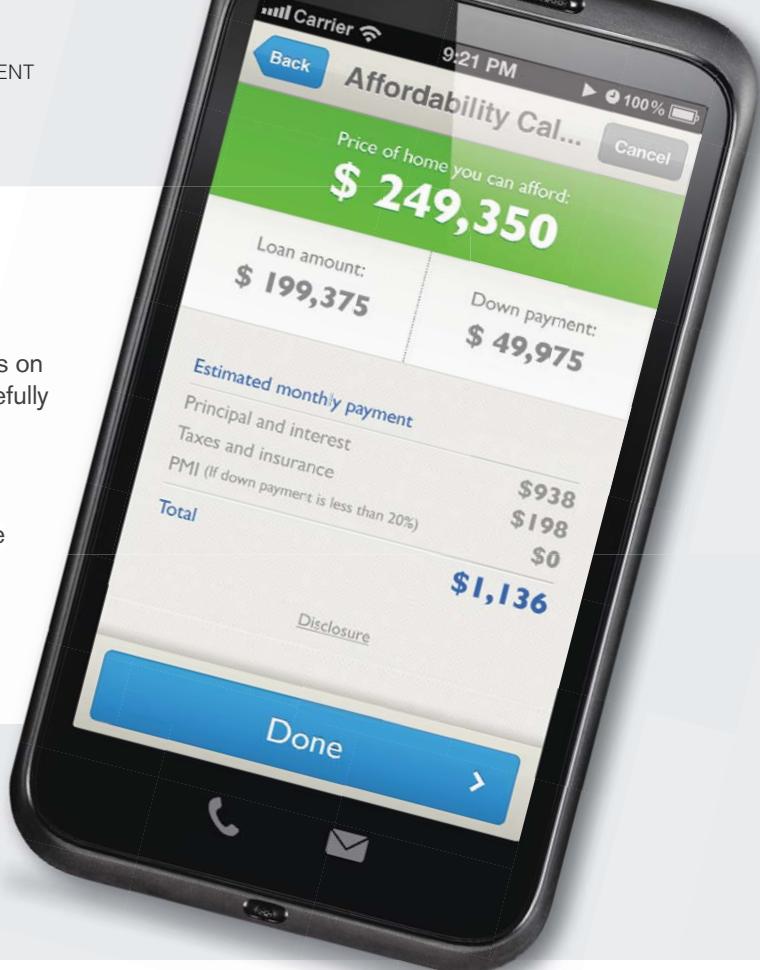
Comfort Factor:

Calculate what you can comfortably afford

For most people, the home you can afford to buy ultimately depends on how much money a bank will lend you. However, you must also carefully consider your current and future expenses.

Your mortgage payment is just one expense you'll face as a homeowner. You'll face a number of one-time fees, as well as new monthly and annual costs. A realistic budget will help you determine what you can afford.

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Down Payment Strategies

Once you have a budget in place, the next key financial factor is a down payment.

A down payment of 20% of the home's purchase price lowers monthly payments while also avoiding private mortgage insurance (PMI). Don't have 20%? A Chase mortgage banker may be able to find alternatives that can work for you.

When deciding how large a down payment you can afford, remember to keep enough money for an emergency fund. In addition to expected expenses like closing costs and moving fees, it is beneficial to have savings to cover unforeseen costs like home repairs.

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10 staging secrets to sell your house, stat!

HGTV's *Staged to Perfection* host **Meridith Baer** shares her top home-selling tricks.



1 White for walls. Period.

"I tell people to give rooms a coat of white paint, especially if the walls are a bright shade or anything in the mauve family—big turnoffs! White not only makes everything look new but also makes rooms seem bigger. Pick a warm one with no gray, blue, or green undertones. Glass of Milk by Sherwin-Williams and Decorators White by Benjamin Moore are two of my favorites."

2 Paint your front door an unexpected color.

"It sends the message that your home is well cared for. I often like red or light blue on a white house. If your home is tan or brown, try yellow or lime green. No matter what color you pick, paint the trim around the door white to make it stand out."

3 Six personal photos, max.

"You may have a cute family, but when people are looking at a house, they want to picture themselves in it, not you. A few current pictures on a shelf or wall are fine, but replace the others with simple art, or keep the space bare."

4 Clear out 50% of your stuff.

"If a closet is jam-packed, buyers will question whether the house is big enough. If it's half empty, they'll think there's plenty of room for their things. For storage I like Pods, a service that delivers big containers to your house and transfers them to your new place once they're filled. The cost averages \$185 per month for four



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one over a credenza in the dining room. Place a mirror opposite a window and it'll bring in more light."

7 Make your bathroom look like a hotel's.

"This means a counter free of all products except two or three with pretty packaging. And steer clear of anything too heavily scented! Place rolled-up white towels in a basket, and put fresh flowers or a potted plant on the counter."

8 Change the lighting for day and night.

"I'm a big fan of dimmers for setting different moods. During the day, keep on all the lights to make the house feel bright and welcoming. When it's dark out, your house looks better in a softer glow, so turn down the lights if people are coming by at night."

9 Show potential buyers how they'd live in your house.

"If you don't spell it out, people can have trouble imagining how they'd live in someone else's home. In the kitchen, prop open a cookbook so they can picture themselves making meals there. In your bedroom, put a water carafe and a current book on your nightstand, so a buyer will think, *Oh, that's where I'll read my novel.*"

10 Toss in at least one quirky item.

"In the first house I staged, I put a cast stone pig on the kitchen counter, and the home sold quickly. I've been doing it in all my houses ever since. Real estate brokers see a lot of homes, so if a fun little figurine helps yours stand out, all the better!"

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HOMEOWNERS:

Debbi and Randy Hoffman

BUILT IN: 1922

BOUGHT IN: 1999

"Our home has all of its original features. Other than the arbor and picket fences we added, it looks just as it did in the '20s."



copy the curb appeal!

We took a spin through Pasadena, CA, and found charming houses that made us stop and stare.

IDEAS TO STEAL



over-the-door arbor

Mounted in front of the door, a simple arbor draped with 'Cécile Brünner' climbing roses provides a cottagey touch.

Garden Treasures 51"W x 26"D x 88½"H resin semigloss white New England garden arbor, \$200, lowes.com



paint colors

SIDING: Agate Green by Dunn-Edwards
TRIM: Swiss Coffee by Dunn-Edwards
SHUTTERS AND FRONT DOOR:
Black by Dunn-Edwards

curved walkway

Dark red brick ties in with the house's chimney and gives the front yard a tidy, classic look. A lush flower bed bordering just one side of the walkway makes it feel less formal.



ficus tree

Trimmed into a round shape, this tall tree adds an element of grandeur to the entry. In cooler regions, ficus trees are often kept indoors as houseplants, but they thrive outdoors in the warm California climate.

roofline

From top: Spanish lavender and daffodils lend color to the green and white landscape. A camellia shrub in the far right bed blooms fall through spring.

A steeply pitched gable has the grand feel of Tudor-style architecture. The roofline allows for two shed dormers, which bump out from the roof, on the left. Their multipane design mimics the windows on the rest of the house.



shingle siding

The Hoffmans love the warm, weathered wood-shingle siding, even though it requires more upkeep than brick or stucco, since it's prone to mold and chipping paint.

Northwoods single 9" staggered rough-split shingles in sterling gray, \$2.50 per square foot, certainteed.com for stores



HOMEOWNERS:

Carrie and Eric Ancker

BUILT IN: 1911

BOUGHT IN: 2011

"One of our first projects was swapping the front door. It captures the home's Craftsman style, but the color is a surprising twist."

**mailbox**

With its rugged look and handwrought metalwork, this antique-finish mailbox, to the left of the door, stays true to the home's Craftsman bungalow architecture.

Harmon 17½"-tall solid brass mailbox in burnished antique, \$399, rejuvenation.com

**flower beds**

An all-white scheme always looks fresh. The porch is bordered by beds filled with 'Crown White' pansies, left, and baby 'Iceberg' rose shrubs, both of which bloom from spring to fall.

**front door**

A door with divided-lite windows (this one has nine!) is quintessential Craftsman.

Simpson Bungalow Series exterior wood door, from \$700, dykeslumber.com

IDEAS TO STEAL**bench and pillows**

The deep front porch means there's plenty of room for a two-seater Adirondack bench cushioned with all-weather pillows.

Polywood recycled plastic Adirondack bench, \$500, hayneedle.com; solid outdoor 16" x 16" pillow in red, \$29, and geometric outdoor 16" x 16" pillow in blue, \$25, both grandinroad.com

**porch light**

Hanging to the right of the front door, this small mission-style porch light is actually bright enough to illuminate the entire seating area.

**paint colors**

SIDING: Gray Pearl by Dunn-Edwards

TRIM: White by Dunn-Edwards
FRONT DOOR: Captivating by Pratt & Lambert

railings

Less is more for this front porch railing. It's painted crisp white to match the trim, and the simple wood style echoes the front door's geometric multipane window.



Self watering 17" rolling planter in red, \$45, gardeners.com

potted plant

A bright red planter is even poppier with white cyclamen, above, a perennial that grows in many climates.



HOMEOWNERS:

Michele and Michael Downing

BUILT IN: 1923

BOUGHT IN: 1999

"A few years ago, we painted our door a beautiful shade of cranberry. It looks classic, just like the house's Colonial style."

IDEAS TO STEAL

**pediments over windows**

Made from high-density urethane (a.k.a. foam), this decorative topper is just as sophisticated as a wood version, but it won't warp or crack.

Half round sunburst 40" x 20" window pediment, \$79, architecturaldepot.com

flower beds

Red cyclamen, top, edge the beds. They're offset by white cyclamen and 'Iceberg' roses, bottom, which give off a light, sweet scent.

**planter**

Understated concrete planters hold juniper topiaries, which stay green year-round.

Smith & Hawken 18" x 18" reinforced concrete Danford outdoor square planter, \$130, target.com

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camellia shrub

This pretty shrub, in the far right of the flower bed, blooms vivid fuchsia flowers from early fall to late spring.

**brass door hardware**

A gleaming mail slot and knocker add polish to the front door and keep with the home's Colonial style.

Brass accents solid brass letter mail slot with inside flap in polished brass, \$30.50, build.com; Colonial knocker in lifetime polished brass, \$74, baldwinhardware.com for stores

**columns**

The painted wood columns, which are original to the house, make it look stately and dramatic. But they're functional, too—they support the portico.

**paint colors**

SIDING: Bunglehouse Gray by Sherwin-Williams

TRIM: Swiss Coffee by Dunn-Edwards

SHUTTERS: Black

by Fine Paints of Europe

FRONT DOOR: Rembrandt Red by Fine Paints of Europe

**doormat**

This scrolling design looks fancy, but it's made of rubber, which can handle dirt just as well as coir can.

Rubber-Cal Genoa 18" x 30" decorative cast iron rubber doormat, \$29, overstock.com

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IDEAS TO STEAL

vine over doorway

A 'Cécile Brünner' climbing rose no longer needs support. After years, it's trained to climb over the door.



front door

With its arched top and rich stain, the front door could be the entry to a country cottage.

Round top entry door with V-groove panel \$1,995, nicksbuilding.com



paint colors

STUCCO: Valley Forge Tan by Benjamin Moore

TRIM: Glacier White by Benjamin Moore
SHUTTERS: Smoky Mountain by Benjamin Moore

flowerpots

Round terra-cotta planters are packed with, from top, light pink and fuchsia azaleas. Bacopa, a trailing plant with tiny white blooms, fills in the spaces between the stems.



Umbria 11½" x 21" cement and fiberglass bowl, \$99, potterybarn.com

pavers

Tumbled stone in different shades makes the front walkway look like it's original to the house.

City Stone III Parkway Series pavers, \$2.50 per square foot, pavestone.com for stores



post lamp

An old-fashioned fixture plus modern path lights equals lighting that's both charming and practical.

Capital Lighting Fixture Company Brookwood black outdoor post, \$192, lamp, \$210, both bellacor.com

roof shingles

The roof is topped with cedar shakes. Not only can they last upward of 30 years, but they also resist wind damage and have a textured look that adds to the house's rustic appeal.

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A nothing-special coatrack



A drab doormat



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Wooden crafts store balls to the rescue!

pop some color onto coatrack hooks

Unscrew the hooks from a coatrack, then paint the base with latex paint. Place each wooden ball on the end of a pencil and paint it with crafts paint. Rest the pencils in cups to let the wooden balls dry. Screw the hooks back onto the base, and attach the balls to the end of each hook using superglue, like The Original Super Glue (\$2.50, toolup.com).



PAINT: (coatrack) Pure White by HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams; (balls, clockwise from top left) Martha Stewart Crafts acrylic paint in indigo, amaranth, pond, habanero, chamomile, marmalade, blue calico, geranium, beach glass, and poodle skirt, \$1.50 for 2 ounces, Michaels stores

WOODEN BALLS: Woodworks Ltd. 1" ball, \$6 for 50, and 1½" ball, \$4 for 10, both craftparts.com

top a folding table with a fun pattern



Unclip or unscrew the tabletop from the frame. Paint the frame and the legs with an indoor/outdoor spray

paint, and let dry. Cut a piece of water-resistant oilcloth fabric slightly bigger than the tabletop, and place it over the tabletop. Using a staple gun and ¼" staples, attach the fabric to the underside of the tabletop, pulling it taut as you go. Reattach the tabletop to the frame.

PAINT: Real Orange by Rust-Oleum
OILCLOTH: Toile Orange, \$9 per yard, oilclothbytheyard.com



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give vases a swirly design

Slip rubber bands over the vases, overlapping them in places. Smooth out the rubber bands so there are no twists. Apply a light coat of spray paint. Let the vases dry to the touch, then remove the rubber bands.

PAINT: Hosta Leaf and Totally Tangerine, both by Krylon



cover a bulletin board with floral fabric

Paint the frame with semigloss latex paint and let dry. Cut the fabric to the size of the cork, adding an inch to each side. Fold the extra inch of fabric under and iron the creases in a straight line. Attach the fabric along the edges of the board with brass thumbtacks.

PAINT: Cloudburst by Sherwin-Williams
FABRIC: Waverly Esmee in turquoise, \$30 per yard, joann.com
THUMBTACKS: Bazic brass thumbtacks, \$4 for 200, amazon.com



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stripe a lampshade with ribbon

Cut ribbons into equal lengths, each about the shade's height. Dab craft glue at the top and bottom of the shade, and adhere the ribbons so they slightly overlap. When you're done, glue one piece of ribbon around the top and a longer piece around the bottom of the shade to hide the other ribbons' edges.

RIBBON: $\frac{5}{8}$ " single face satin in silver, cream, light blue, and torrid orange, \$1.50 per yard, mjtrim.com



stencil a greeting onto a doormat

Center the stencil—you can custom-order one online—over the mat, and tape down the edges with masking or packing tape. Use a round stencil brush to dab a heavy coat of flat latex paint inside the stencil. Let dry for 10 minutes, then remove the stencil by pulling it straight up.

PAINT: Refreshing Pool and Pear by Behr
STENCILS: Custom "hi!" and "bye!" stencils in 8" monogram font, \$26.50 each, stencilease.com

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JELLO **fun things up**





this room is begging
for some **color**

Watch it get transformed **3 ways!** 

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LOOK #1



add coral + pink

1. pillows On sofa, from left: Jaipur 20" x 20" cotton canvas pillow cover in coral, \$64, serenaandlily.com; Gingham checkered 20" x 20" cotton pillow in brown, \$60, and Boho Aztec 13" x 21" cotton pillow in coral, \$50, both zazzle.com; Diamond 20" x 20" cotton canvas pillow cover in coral, \$64, serenaandlily.com. On chair: Tribal Aztec chevron 13" x 21" cotton pillow, \$50, zazzle.com

2. curtains 96" cotton canvas window panel in white, \$34, westelm.com; 3" solid grosgrain ribbon in coral, \$35 for 50 yards, ribbonandbowsohmy.com; ribbon attached 2 inches from each edge with Fabri-Tac adhesive, \$11, joann.com

3. lamp Ida 23"-tall porcelain table lamp, \$169, crateandbarrel.com

4. art Try etsy.com for similar styles; frames: Ribba series in white and medium brown, from \$2, IKEA stores

5. throws On sofa: 50" x 70" wool and cashmere throw in coral, \$128, garnethill.com. On chair: Weekend Knit 50" x 70" cotton blend throw in mushroom, \$98, garnethill.com

6. rug Phoenix 8' x 10' wool blend dhurrie, \$699, westelm.com

PAINT A STACK OF LACQUERED BOXES

Paint wood boxes with two coats of white paint, and let dry. Stick 1" painter's tape along the edges. Paint the uncovered portion coral. Peel off tape while coral paint is still wet. Let dry, then coat with high-gloss finish.

BOXES: Classic Hinged 6½"W x 5"D x 3"H wooden box, \$9, and Keepsake 10¾"W x 7¼"D x 2½"H wooden box, \$14, both woodcrafter.com
PAINT: Ultra White by Valspar Signature Primer + Paint; Coral Expression by Behr; Martha Stewart Crafts high-gloss finish, \$6, michaels.com for stores

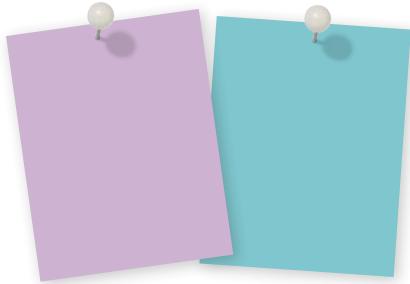


Shop etsy.com for an instant art collection. Search art by color. We just typed in *pink*.



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LOOK #2



add purple + blue

1. bottles From left: Waterscape 6½"-, 14¾"-, and 7¾"-tall salt-blasted glass vases, from \$19, westelm.com

2. pillows On sofa, from left: Villa Home Illusion Basic Elements 22" x 22" linen pillow in aqua, \$62, and Pine Cone Hill Candlewick 18" x 18" cotton pillow in dusty iris, \$67, both wayfair.com; Villa Home Floral Embroidered 18" x 18" linen pillow in turquoise, \$75, burkedecor.com. On chair: Sloop 12" x 18" cotton pillow cover, \$125, johnrobshaw.com

3. curtains Periwinkle 96" cotton voile window sheer, \$110, johnrobshaw.com

4. lamp Merie 22"-tall ceramic table lamp, \$199, crateandbarrel.com

5. art *The Start of Something* by David Fleck (walnut framed print, 26" x 38"), \$128, society6.com

6. throws On sofa: Chain Rib 50" x 60" acrylic throw in frost gray, \$79, westelm.com. On chair: Lands Downunder Assiro Herringbone 51" x 67" cotton acrylic throw in turquoise, \$90, casa.com

7. rug Kilim Trellis 8' x 10' wool rug in lavender, \$660, rugsusa.com



MAKE A STAMP SHADOW BOX

Cut colored paper to fit inside a shadow box, and tape it to the back of the frame. Stick stamps to paper with foam sticky dots.

SHADOW BOXES:
5" x 7" and 8" x 10"
MDF shadow boxes in espresso, from \$10 each, michaels.com for stores
STAMPS: Try ebay.com for similar styles.



A big frame leaning on a table looks casual. Bonus: no nail, no commitment.

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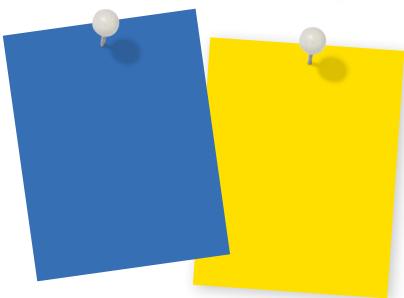


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LOOK #3



add blue + yellow

1. vase Imax Worldwide Chantal 15¾"-tall ceramic vase in yellow, \$61, decoruniverse.com

2. pillows On sofa, from left: Threshold Pintuck 20" x 20" cotton pillow in gold, \$25, target.com; navy and green ikat 20" x 20" cotton pillow, \$66, zazzle.com; Trois 12" x 24" cotton pillow in teal, \$37, crateandbarrel.com. On chair: Puffer 12" x 18" viscose/cotton blend pillow cover in sun, \$110, johnrobshaw.com

3. curtains Emery 96" linen/cotton blend drape in blue dusk, \$119, potterybarn.com

4. pouf nuLoom Living 14" x 20" leather Moroccan pouf in yellow, \$205, atgstores.com

5. lamp Safavieh Judy 27½"-tall ceramic table lamp in royal blue, \$190, bellacor.com

6. art Above sofa: No. 2/No. 30 (Yellow Center) by Mark Rothko (print, 27½" x 39½"), \$45, art.com; Ribba 28½" x 40¼" frame in white, \$25, IKEA stores. Above console: *Mimi* (print, 13" x 13½"), \$35, michellearmas.bigcartel.com; Ribba 20½" x 20½" frame in white, \$20, IKEA stores

7. throws On sofa: Weekend Knit 50" x 70" cotton blend throw in sailor blue, \$98, garnethill.com. On chair: Linen Cotton Day 50" x 80" throw in ocean, \$248, brahmsmount.com

8. rug Paddle Stripe 8' x 10' cotton dhurrie in indigo, \$795, serenaandlily.com



ADD GOLD LEAF TO COASTERS

Use a paintbrush to apply gold leaf adhesive along the edge of each coaster. Once the adhesive is tacky, apply gold leaf, then brush off excess with a clean, dry paintbrush. Apply sealant over the gold leaf, and let dry.

COASTERS: Brazilian 4" agate coasters in blue, \$6 each, theevolutionstore.com
GOLD LEAF KIT: Speedball Composition gold leaf kit (includes leaf sheets, adhesive, and sealant), \$11, dickblick.com



Hang multiples of the same print in matching frames for a cool gallery look.

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Day in the Life

1 in a 2-Part Series

We followed one of our favorite bloggers, **Jessie Artigue**, and her Doberman/Shepherd mix Sadie-Mae, around for an activity-packed day of play.

Morning Jog

"One of my favorite things in the world is coming up with ways to combine play with a healthy lifestyle. Sadie loves coming running with me along the Hudson a few times a week, and it is always great to have her with me when I need a little extra motivation for that final sprint at the end. I take her for about 3 or 4 miles at a time."

Great Idea!

As the weather warms, Jessie and Sadie take their run to the local pier. "She loves going to watch the geese waddle around on the grass and the big boats go zipping by."

The Girls Go Shopping

As a style blogger, Jessie often goes shopping outdoors in her area and brings Sadie-Mae along for a new spin on "girls' day." We love how Jessie expands the idea of playing with Sadie from playing fetch to playing dress up. Haute dog!

Pup Play Date

Jessie's favorite dog park in her hometown of Hoboken, NJ, is Elysian Dog Park. "Sadie likes going there to meet up with her buddies Dexter and Jackson, and her Dad and I like the gorgeous view of the Manhattan skyline while we watch them play."

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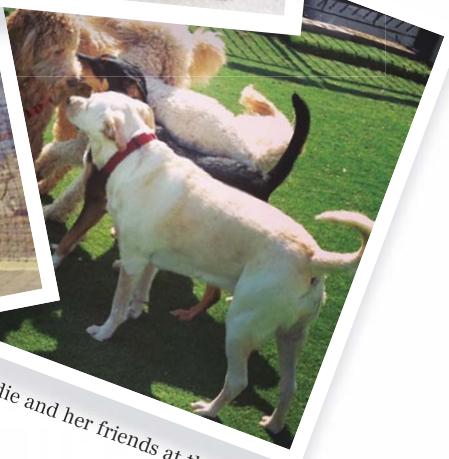
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Name: **Jessie Artigue**

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Sadie and her friends at the park

Go on vacation with Jessie & Sadie in the July/August issue.

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**Stick on fun tape**

Buy patterned washi tape that's about as wide as your frame. If you find one you like that's thinner, just use two strips side by side. Cut four pieces of tape to cover the frame, then press each one down firmly, overlapping the corners.

TAPE: FunTape in argyle, \$5 per roll, ginkopapers.com



Make a mistake? Just peel off the tape and start again!

10 things to do with a plain frame

Make it as pretty as a picture with these easy DIY tricks.

**2****Put down an overlay**

Paint the frame with yellow craft paint, and let dry. Cut a white foam overlay into four strips. Attach to the frame with clear-drying craft glue, like Aleene's Quick Dry tacky glue (\$3, craft stores).

PAINT: FolkArt acrylic paint in yellow lemon, \$2 for 2 ounces, joann.com
OVERLAY: O'Overlays Harper 2" trim, \$3 per foot, myoverlays.com



* NEED A FRAME? A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES: (above) White Lacquer Emery 2.5" x 3.5", 4" x 6", and 5" x 7" frames, \$2 to \$3, worldmarket.com; Malden Wide Linear 5" x 7" frame in white, \$12.50, afriedman.com; Nyttja 5" x 7" frame, \$4 for a set of 2, IKEA stores

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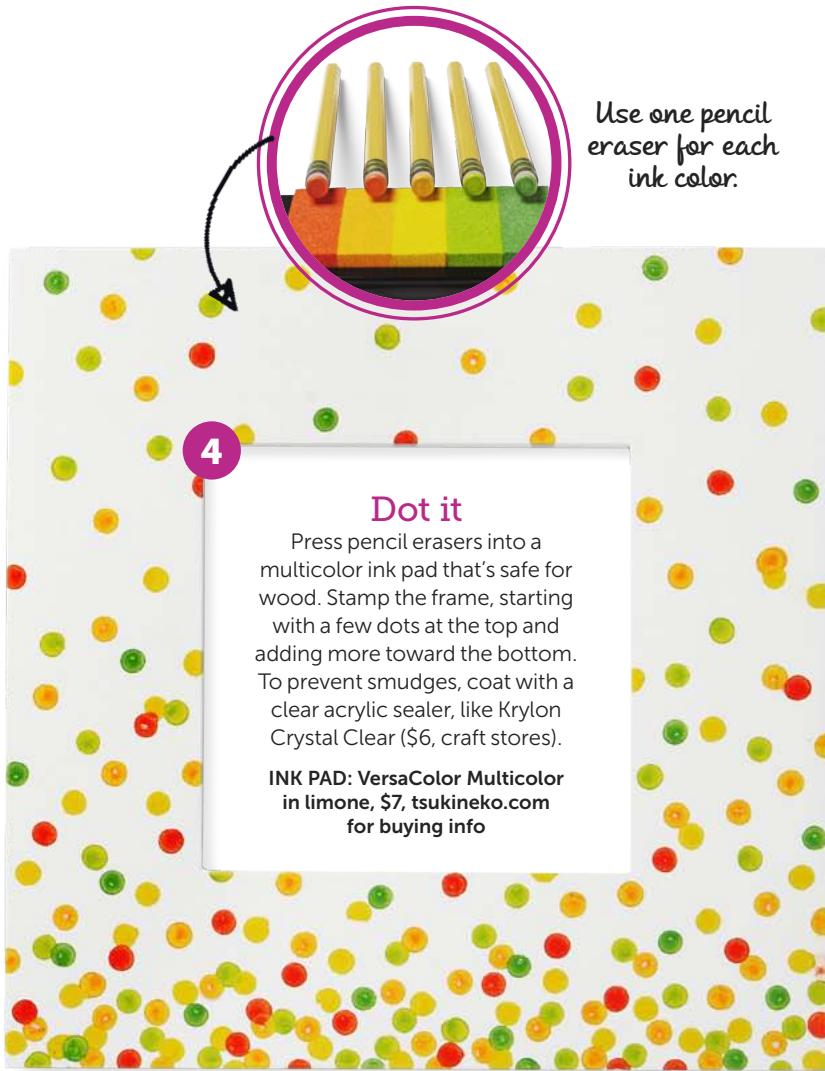


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Add flowers

Paint the frame green. Paint the outsides of four toilet paper rolls various bright colors using craft paint. Let dry, then lightly flatten the rolls and cut into 1/2-inch pieces to create petal shapes. Attach the petals with clear-drying craft glue.

PAINT: (frame) Americana acrylic paint in bright green, \$1.50 for 2 ounces, joann.com; (petals) Americana acrylic paint in bright orange, bright yellow, Bahama blue, and baby blue, \$1.50 for 2 ounces, hobbylobby.com



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Dot it

Press pencil erasers into a multicolor ink pad that's safe for wood. Stamp the frame, starting with a few dots at the top and adding more toward the bottom. To prevent smudges, coat with a clear acrylic sealer, like Krylon Crystal Clear (\$6, craft stores).

INK PAD: VersaColor Multicolor in limone, \$7, tsukineko.com
for buying info



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Wrap it in yarn

Put a dot of craft glue on the back of the frame and stick the end of a ball of yarn to it. Wrap the yarn around one side of the frame, snip, and glue the end to the frame's back. Repeat on all sides, leaving the corners bare.

YARN: Koigu Premium 100% merino wool, \$15 for 175 yards, purlsoho.com

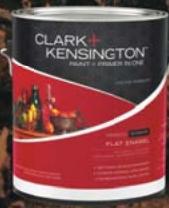
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Gold leaf it

Brush adhesive, a.k.a. sizing medium, onto the frame. Following the package's directions, apply sheets of gold leaf to the wood. Brush off any excess, then coat the frame with clear acrylic sealer.

GOLD LEAF KIT: Speedball Composition gold leaf kit (includes adhesive, leaf, and sealer), \$11, dickblick.com





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Stripe it with straws

Cut paper straws into equal pieces about as wide as the frame. Attach them with clear-drying craft glue.

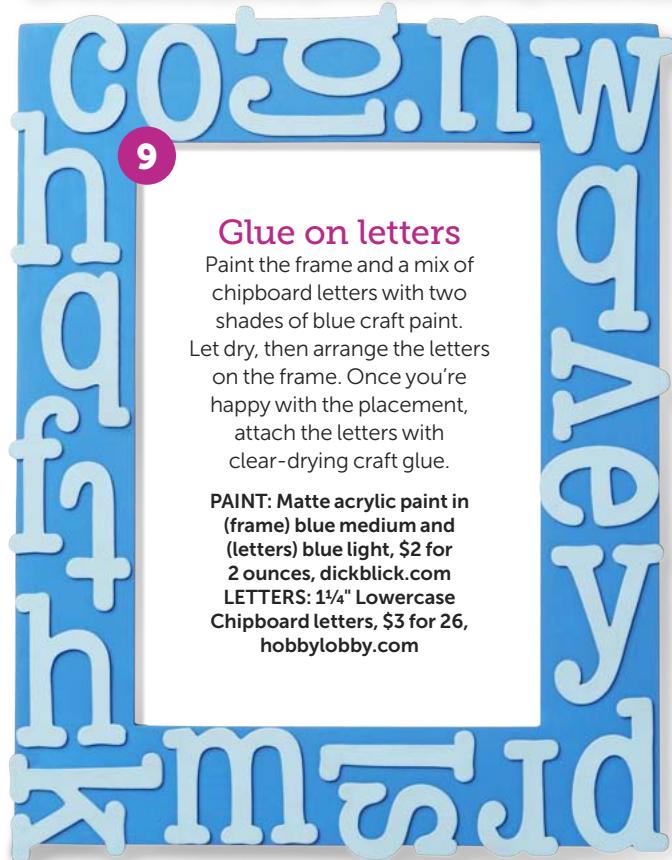
STRAW: Summer Sunshine Stripey Straws, \$4 for 20, shopsweetlulu.com



Add metal detail

Paint the frame with blue craft paint, and let dry. Arrange two sizes of metal washers around the frame. Once you're happy with the design, attach the washers with clear-drying craft glue.

PAINT: Martha Stewart Crafts satin acrylic craft paint in surf, \$1.50 for 2 ounces, Michaels stores
WASHERS: Crown Bolt zinc-plated flat washers, \$5 for 100, homedepot.com



Glue on letters

Paint the frame and a mix of chipboard letters with two shades of blue craft paint. Let dry, then arrange the letters on the frame. Once you're happy with the placement, attach the letters with clear-drying craft glue.

PAINT: Matte acrylic paint in (frame) blue medium and (letters) blue light, \$2 for 2 ounces, dickblick.com
LETTERS: 1 1/4" Lowercase Chipboard letters, \$3 for 26, hobbylobby.com



Belt it

Use a utility knife to cut an old belt into four pieces to cover the frame, trimming each end at a 45-degree angle to match the frame's mitered corners. Attach the belt with heavy-duty craft or hot glue. If your belt won't completely cover your frame, paint the frame first with brown craft paint, and let dry.

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it all started with this
yellow stove

What a find! When a couple discovered a gorgeous range in the basement of their new home, they decided to style their whole house around it.



the color palette



the last thing Hampton and Bart Stephens expected to find in the basement of the 1930s Birmingham, AL, home they'd just bought was a bright yellow stove. But there it was—a 20-year-old La Cornue range, sitting in the corner, waiting for some love. Hampton, an architect and designer, was so struck by the vintage appliance that she searched for an expert to get it working and set out decorating the whole house around it. "I picked a palette of ocean blue and apple green that I thought would look great with the sunny yellow, and I worked it through the house, room by room," she says. The only moment of doubt came when, after four months, she still hadn't found a pro who could fix the stove. "I did feel a little panicky that we'd planned the entire house around something we might never get to use!" says Hampton. Luckily a repairman eventually got the stove running, and the brightly colored home came together just as Hampton and Bart had imagined.



“ We never found out why this amazing appliance was just hanging out in the basement. But that stove was just what we needed! ”

—Hampton Stephens



◀ kitchen

Look, no cabinets! For the Stephens family, a bank of 26 drawers was a better option. “It’s so much easier to pull out a drawer and reach your bowls, pots, and pans,” says Hampton. When the couple couldn’t decide on knobs, they went with carved-out notches instead. To keep the color scheme going, Hampton painted the insides of the drawers blue (for a similar look, try San Francisco Bay by Benjamin Moore) and scooted turquoise barstools up to the island. The glass-front fridge was a basement find too!

▼ dining room

Electric blue walls were a risky pick, but Hampton and Bart knew the splashy color (California Blue by Benjamin Moore) would set off the white table, pleather chairs, and the wood buffet from a local antiques shop. All those colors make the patchwork rug versatile: Switch rooms, repaint the walls—it still works.



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“ We love to lounge and read in here, so we went with a cushiony seat and sconces instead of overhead lights. ”
—Hampton Stephens





▲ living room

The yellow, blue, and green color combo shows up in the living room in a subtle way, with prints on the pillows and a wool rug. The cotton slipcovered sofa is from Lee Industries, and the tree stump side table is from West Elm. The star of the room: the arc lamp, no doubt! For a similar look, try eurostylelighting.com.

◀ breakfast room

Why so much seating? Because on weekends, extended family comes over and piles around the trestle table for brunch. The built-in banquette with storage is topped with stain-resistant, chenille-like cushions. The seating extends way beyond the eating area, which makes the spot a nice loungy place for reading, too.

► hallway

Hampton and Bart found a pair of stained glass doors at an architectural salvage shop—and they just happened to fit perfectly in the hallway that leads to their bedroom. The glass adds color and brings a little extra light into the room. The painted rails lead to a blue and green playroom upstairs.



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◀ back door

Sports equipment, coats, bags, and magazine stacks stay organized in a wall of cubbies by the back door. Space-saving trick: Hooks on the sides of each cubby, instead of just one in the back, double the hanging room. The painted black shelves along the bottom hide dirt and keep everyone's shoes from going AWOL.

► kids' space

With three kids, an ordinary bulletin board would be overrun in no time. So Hampton painted a 50-square-foot bulletin board white and framed it with trim. The distressed painted chest stores TV-watching blankets and serves as a play table.

▼ bedroom

The "Oh, wow!" element in 7-year-old James' room is definitely the map wall: Hampton had a giant map (8 feet, 8 inches by 13 feet) cut to fit, then hung by a wallpaper installer. The other walls are painted Blueberry Hill by Benjamin Moore. The bed is from The Land of Nod, and the painted dresser was Bart's when he was a kid.



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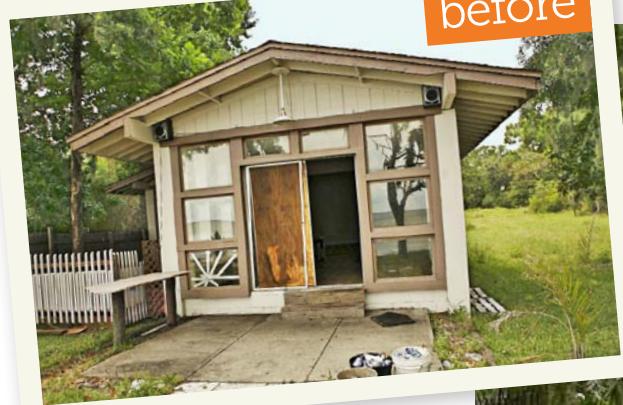
A giant bulletin board for art!



This light-filled space is the perfect spot for Eden, 2, Mose, 6, and James, 7, to play together.



“Some people saw a dump.



A husband-and-wife team of weekend remodelers



to most people, the shabby shack with its worn-out siding, cracked windows, and overgrown lawn looked like a condemned shed. But to Lisa Marie Brooks and her husband, Scott, the little house in Santa Rosa Beach, FL, was a hidden gem that just needed a bit—OK, a lot—of polishing. The Brookses know potential: Together they've built or renovated 25 homes in three states, most of which they've resold. "This house actually had a lot of pros," says Lisa Marie of the 2,000-square-foot bungalow. "A pitched roof and a sunroom with lots of windows, plus great big oak trees all around." When the Brookses learned that through a short sale, they could buy it for \$270,000—a drastic reduction from the onetime asking price of \$900,000—they scooped up the waterfront property pronto. Without seeing the interior in person, the couple signed a contract and then started on the renovations. The overhaul cost about \$120,000 and took a year to complete. Now the fixer-upper is their home for good. Says Lisa Marie, "No chance we're selling this one anytime soon."

We saw our *dream home*"

transformed a run-down cottage into a beachside getaway.



MEET THE OWNERS

Lisa Marie Brooks, a real estate agent; Scott Brooks, a commercial airline pilot and builder; their son, Logan, 12; and their dog, Buddy, a Lab mix

HOMETOWN: Santa Rosa Beach, FL

THE CHALLENGE: To rescue a dilapidated cottage, mixing low-cost materials with high-end upgrades.

“ We did a ton of work, but in the end, we felt like, gosh, it doesn’t get any better than this. ”

—Lisa Marie Brooks



before

▼ living room

Instead of replacing the dated oak built-in, the Brookses saved money by removing the doors and painting it white (Alabaster by Sherwin-Williams). They also tore out the old wood-burning stove and installed a ventless fireplace. The wall that surrounds it was made by setting real seashells and starfish in plaster of Paris. The sectional sofa is covered with durable white denim fabric, and the shag rug feels about as soft as the white sand outside.



Wall color:
Accessible
Beige by
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after



dining room ▲

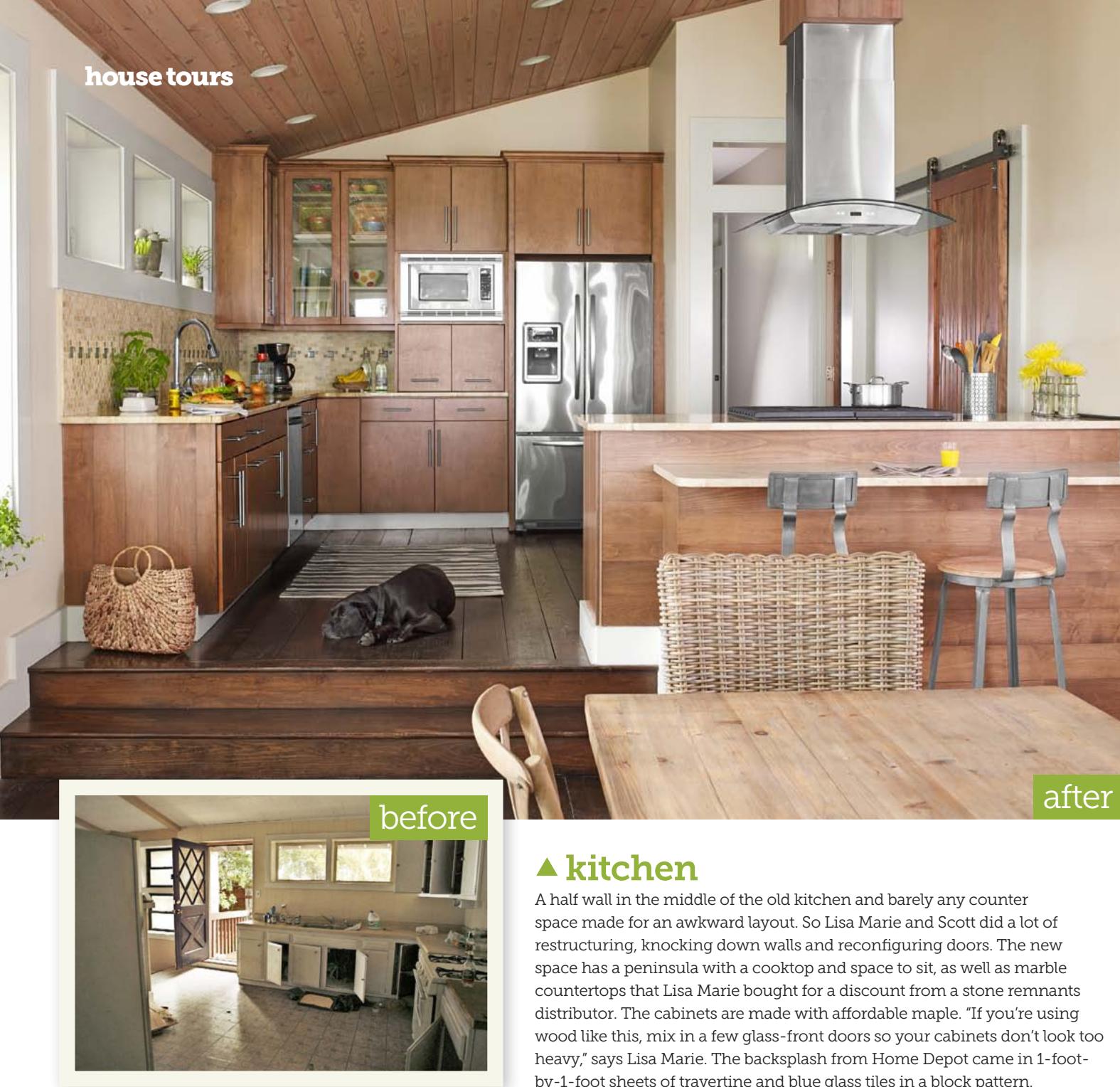
When they bought the house, it had plywood on the ground instead of floors! Lisa Marie wanted hardwood throughout the home. "I think hardwood stands up better over time than prefabricated floors. We went with an inexpensive wood—pine—and had it stained ebony," she says. The dining table and rattan and wooden chairs, all from Restoration Hardware, are beachy and casual.



sunroom ▶

Before the remodel, this space off the living room, which leads to the back deck, didn't show off the pretty view of the Choctawhatchee Bay. So the Brookses installed French doors with trapezoid-shaped windows above them. Problem solved. Outdoor party supplies are stowed inside the storage benches that are covered with linen cushions and throw pillows.





The old kitchen had a linoleum floor and shoddy cabinets.

outdoor deck ▶

Nearly every door in the house leads to the family's wraparound deck, which they use all year. "We have coffee at this table almost every morning, and we've thrown parties with 60 people out here," Lisa Marie says. Since the deck is uncovered, Scott coated it with wood protector by One Time to help keep it from weathering.



“ Living on the water motivates us to slow down and chill out. ”

—Lisa Marie Brooks

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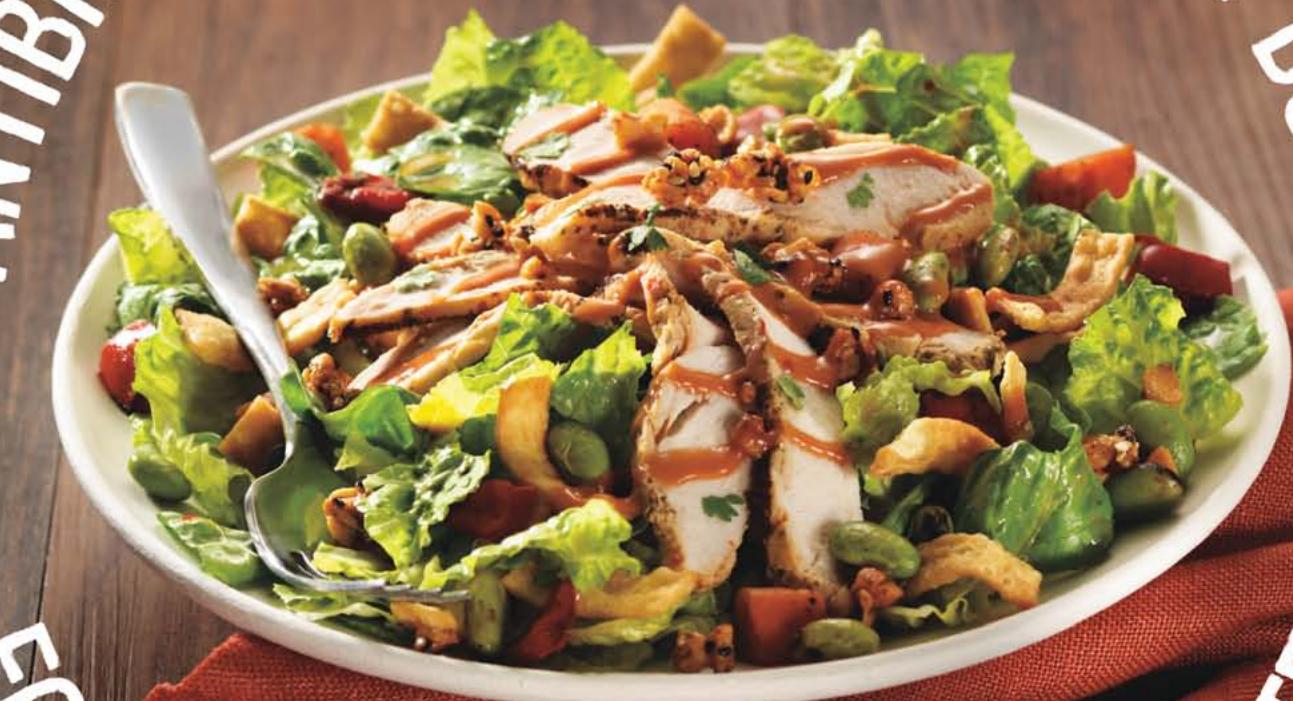
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Shannon in
her reclaimed,
remodeled
kitchen

“ My attitude is, if something’s broken, turn it into something else. ” —Shannon Quimby

Truth be told, the brand-new kitchen in Shannon Quimby's Portland, OR, home isn't new at all. It's full of things the designer/salvage expert and her husband rescued from a rundown bungalow that was on the property when they purchased it in 2007. Before knocking down that dilapidated house to build their new one, they saved anything and everything they thought could be reused—doors, floors, windows, even beer bottles! Those materials, along with other earth-friendly finds, like recycled concrete and glass countertops and sustainable handmade tile, all come together in this one-of-a-kind kitchen.





1 Handmade chandelier

Eleven bottles of beer and wine hang from the ceiling. Before the old house was torn down, Shannon found them strewn in a hedge. A mason cut off the bottoms, then Shannon spray-painted them and strung bulbs with cord to create a bottle chandelier.

2 Dining area

The salvaged spruce table is from urban timberworks.com. Shannon painted its base with a mix of paints from past projects—for a similar look, try Rekindle by True Value. The chairs were \$7 each at a rummage sale.

3 Open storage

After installing a mini fridge under the countertop, Shannon still had space to fill. Easy fix: Build some shelves next to the fridge. "Now that our vintage bowls are out in the open, we actually use them," she says.

4 Cabinets

The custom hard rock maple cabinetry is painted with ecofriendly no-VOC paint (Air by Yolo Colorhouse) and has mismatched pulls. "You'll find great pulls at salvage yards, but maybe not as many as you need, so just mix them up," says Shannon.

5 Island

The 8-foot-by-4-foot island top combines Douglas fir wood from the original house and scrap wood left over from the new home. The side planks were salvaged from the old house too, and Shannon found the corbels at a garage sale.

6 Floors

The planks of reclaimed California chestnut wood from greendepot.com range in length from 12 inches to 5 feet. "It was all puzzled together," says Shannon. She had the floor sealed with sustainable, hard-wax oil by Osmo to make it easy to clean with a steam mop.

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7 Under-cabinet canisters

Shannon's grandfather used to store nuts and bolts in cabinet-mounted jars like these, so she adapted his workshop idea for her kitchen. She used an ice pick to make holes in the lids, then attached them to the underside of the cabinet with screws. For a step-by-step how-to, go to hgtv.com/mason-jar-storage.

8 Wooden pin display

A ledge above the stove holds a collection of vintage bowling and juggling pins. The antique "groceries" sign fit the space as is.

9 Flowerpot fixtures

"I wanted something more creative than metal can lights. I remembered these pots I had and thought, perfect!" says Shannon. She covered the rims with pom-pom trim, threaded light cord through each drainage hole, and used Devcon 5 Minute Epoxy Gel to adhere them to the ceiling. Small 40-watt bulbs hang from the cords and sit inside the glass jars (\$6 each, Target) filled with wine corks—they have also held golf balls and ornaments. They still unscrew so bulbs can easily be changed.

10 Beverage fridge

A mini fridge covered with screwed-on slats of flooring from the old house holds drinks for their 11-year-old son, Chase, to grab on the go.



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When talk show cohost Daphne Oz, daughter of health honcho Dr. Mehmet Oz, wants to make a light weekend lunch, she whips up this easy tuna salad. "Even though I grew up eating healthy foods, I was more than 30 pounds overweight as a child, so I began looking for ways to make dishes filling and flavorful without adding unnecessary calories. That's how

this mayo-less tuna salad came about," says the author of the new book *Relish: An Adventure in Food, Style, and Everyday Fun*. "The apples make it sweet and crunchy, and the olives, beans, and capers give it a Mediterranean twist." But you don't have to stop there: "Toss in whatever fresh vegetables you have in the fridge—carrots, green beans—just about anything works."

italian tuna salad with apples and olives

SERVES 4–6

Ingredients

2	5-ounce cans yellowfin tuna packed in olive oil	3	scallions, white and light green parts sliced
1	15-ounce can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed	1/4	cup green olives, pitted and sliced
1	small red onion, diced	2	tablespoons capers, drained
1/2	red bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, diced	1/4	cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
2	ribs celery, sliced	1/2	cup olive oil
1	Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored, and diced	1/3	cup red wine vinegar
		3	teaspoons Dijon mustard
		Salt and pepper	
		4	cups greens

1. Combine the tuna with the next nine ingredients, through the flat-leaf parsley, in a large bowl. Use a fork to break the tuna into small pieces.

2. Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, and Dijon mustard. Add salt and pepper to taste.

3. Add the dressing to the tuna mixture and marinate 10 to 15 minutes. Serve over the greens.

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in the yard



in the yard

🚫 RABBITS

WARNING SIGNS: Lightly gnawed-on leaves and stems, especially lettuce and other leafy greens along garden edges. Chewed-up bark around the base of shrubs and young trees. Pellet-like droppings.

"Rabbits eat from the top of a plant down, so if a head of lettuce has been nibbled but the roots are intact, you may have a problem," says Leslie Bennett, coauthor of *The Beautiful Edible Garden*.

CONTROL PLAN: Plant some lavender. This fragrance actually drives rabbits away. Or apply a spray of 8 ounces of water mixed with a teaspoon each of raw chopped garlic, chili pepper flakes, and unscented castile soap, like Dr. Bronner's Baby Mild, to foliage near the damaged plants. "Rabbits will turn away once they get near the sharp scent of chili pepper and garlic," says Stefani Bittner, Bennett's coauthor. Reapply regularly, especially after rain.



Because they're easily scared, rabbits usually avoid nibbling in a garden's center, since it's farther from shelter.



🚫 SLUGS AND SNAILS

WARNING SIGNS: For snails, nibbled-on spinach, lettuce, kale, and snap peas—but with no teeth marks, as you would see with rabbits. Slugs eat the same food as snails, and can munch away irregular holes in leaves. Snails leave silver streaks on stems, while slugs leave a trail of slime.

CONTROL PLAN: Both love wet, cool, dark places, so let your soil dry out between waterings. You can also pick up any slugs and snails by hand and drop them in salty or soapy water to kill them. It's tedious and icky, "but if you handpick for about 20 minutes for seven days straight, you can wipe them out," Bittner says. Or try an organic deterrent like Sluggo, which kills slugs and snails—you can sprinkle it around the base of your plants.

🚫 MOLES AND GOPHERS

WARNING SIGNS: Holes and tunnels in your soil. Since moles eat insects, they tend to burrow in the ground and leave plants alone—but their tunnels give other pests easy access to plants. Gophers, however, eat plants from the roots up, leaving them "shriveled, like they haven't had enough water," Bennett says. So if a tree, shrub, or vegetable plant, like tomatoes, dies suddenly, it might be the work of a gopher.

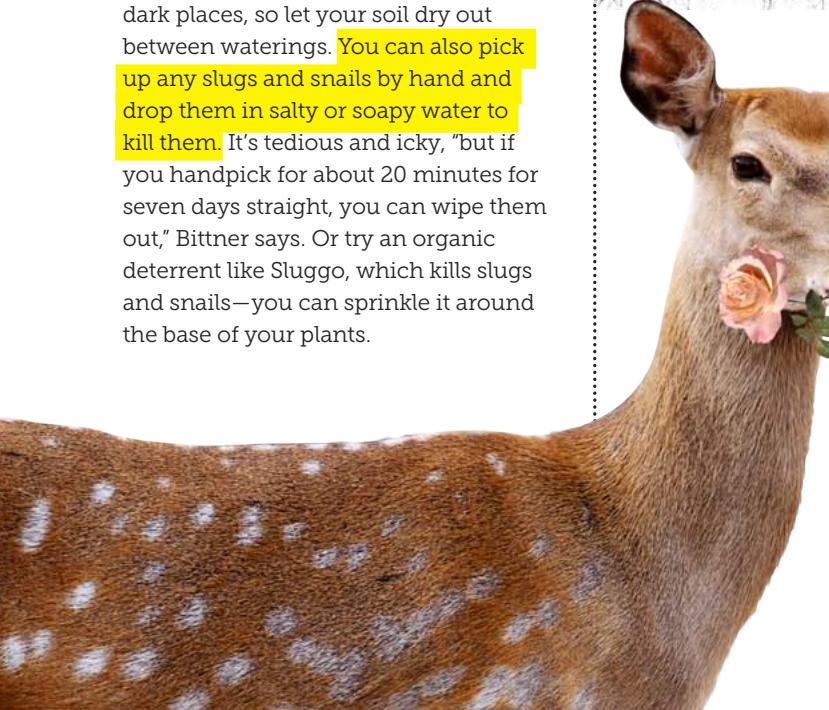
CONTROL PLAN: Walk on all tunnels to flatten them, and fill in any holes with soil. After 24 hours, place mole or gopher traps—either snap traps or catch-and-release versions—on top of the tunnels that pop back up. You can also plant daffodils or other narcissus bulbs, which gophers tend to avoid. For the future, line flower beds with gopher wire— $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch galvanized mesh sold at home centers—or use it to wrap the root balls of plants before putting them in the ground.



🚫 DEER

WARNING SIGNS: A variety of shredded plants that still have some of their stems. Nibbled rosebushes. Hoof tracks. Piles of oval droppings. "Deer don't have upper front teeth, so they tend to rip off plants, leaving behind more stem than a rabbit would," says Rebecca Christoffel, a wildlife extension specialist at Iowa State University. In a large yard, you may also see flattened grass where a deer has slept.

CONTROL PLAN: Tie wire strung with strips of orange plastic—find it in rolls at home centers—to trees around your lawn. "The plastic will flap in the breeze and create a movement that deer dislike," says Christoffel. Or plant a wide hedge of dense, spiny, or strongly scented plants, such as lavender, rosemary, or salvias, which deer find irritating. A fence around your yard, at least 10 feet high, will also keep them out.



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🚫 GROUND SQUIRRELS

WARNING SIGNS: Small bites in fruit or plants that sit low to the ground. One-inch-diameter holes in flower beds, where they burrow. "Ground squirrels, which are smaller than tree squirrels and resemble chipmunks, use their sharp incisors to eat, so you'll see little teeth marks," Christoffel says.

CONTROL PLAN: Make a 3-foot-tall fence out of chicken wire with ½-inch mesh. Dig a trench 12 inches deep and 8 inches wide. Bury the wire in the soil, bending its bottom 6 inches away from the garden to form an L so the animal can't burrow under the fencing. This can also help deter rabbits. Drape the wire over the top as well to cover the plants. If they're not plants you'll eat, apply a capsaicin-laced repellent, available at home centers, to the leaves. The intense spice should curb nibbling.



🚫 RACCOONS

WARNING SIGNS: Trampled or torn-apart plants—raccoons especially like squash and corn. Paw prints that look like mini human handprints along fences and the sides of the house. You might also find upended garbage cans in your driveway.

CONTROL PLAN: Raccoons love garbage and food scraps, so tidy up your yard by clearing away debris, and cover your trash cans with tight-fitting lids. If your cans can tip over, tie them shut with bungee cords. And, if possible, don't keep garbage outdoors overnight. It may also help to leave on outdoor lights or install a motion detector so the raccoons think people are nearby, which will scare them off.

🚫 MICE AND RATS

WARNING SIGNS: Droppings—small oval ones from mice and larger ones from rats—and tiny teeth marks in produce. Mice and rats usually nest in warm, dark areas of buildings, but they may be venturing into your yard in search of food like seeds and fruit.

"Mice tend to eat newly sprouted plants, so you'll spot nibbling," says Jack Algiere, vegetable farm manager at the Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture. "Rats won't always eat your plants, but they do dig and burrow, so you may see holes."

CONTROL PLAN: Find out where rats and mice are nesting indoors—sheds and garages are popular spots. Look for areas with gnawed wood, or nests with bits of cotton and plant matter. Use snap or catch-and-release traps to snag them.

🚫 CROWS

WARNING SIGNS: Chewed-up veggies, especially corn. Splattered droppings. Trash scattered throughout your yard during the day. Loud, well, crowing, particularly in the morning. "Before you see them, you'll likely hear them," says John Griffin, director of Humane Wildlife Services for the Humane Society.

CONTROL PLAN: "Crows respond well to harassment," Griffin says. "When you spot them, bang pots and pans, make loud noises, or shoot water from a hose in their direction." Thin out your trees so that there are fewer branches to perch on, secure the lids of your trash cans, and clean up any spills from your bird feeders as soon as you can. To scare away the birds, you can also hang something reflective, like old CDs, foil, or small mirrors, near your garden.





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Daylilies

This perennial grows from a bundle of thick roots instead of a bulb. They come in many colors, shapes, and sizes. Unlike true lilies, they have long, grassy leaves that sprout from the crown, the point where the leaves and roots meet. You'll see a lot of blooms from late spring through fall but, as the name suggests, each flower lasts only a day.

✓ Perfect for you because:

They are disease- and insect-resistant and can handle hot and cold temps equally well. They also don't need lots of watering.

✓ How to grow:

Place the crown just below the soil line in a spot that gets full sun to part shade. Throw some compost in with the soil, then water a few times a week until the plant starts growing.

Geraniums

This classic window box plant is available in red, white, and pink. It blooms in spring and summer.

✓ Perfect for you because:

Geraniums are a cinch to grow, but they require regular maintenance and a watchful eye to keep them in good shape. Be on the lookout for insects like whiteflies, budworms, and spider mites, which can nibble the flower's petals and leaves.

✓ How to grow:

Geraniums prefer half a day of sun in rich, well-draining soil. In hot climates they need afternoon shade, and extreme summer temps may discourage blooms. Prune and deadhead them often.

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Bachelor's buttons

Also known as cornflower, this fragrant, hardy annual grows to about 2 feet. It blooms from late spring to midsummer. Look for it in shades of blue, white, red, and pink.

✓ Perfect for you because:

They're easy to start from seed—all you have to do is scatter them in the soil and water on occasion. But their untidy growing habit can make them tough to maintain. Plan to stake them when they're small to help support their slender stems.

✓ How to grow:

Plant seeds $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deep in an area with full sun after your region's last expected frost. Once they sprout, thin out the seedlings a bit so they get enough light and air circulation.

Oriental poppies

This perennial has tall, fuzzy stems and crepe-paper-like blossoms that come in white and intense shades of pink, coral, and red.

✓ Perfect for you because:

Poppies need TLC. You'll have to trim them often to keep up appearances. While beautiful, they don't like to be moved once planted and can be picky about soil. They require excellent drainage and are very sensitive to overwatering, which can cause their roots to rot.

✓ How to grow:

Plant in rich soil (to boost it, mix in lots of organic matter like compost, grass clippings, or leaves) with good drainage in a spot that gets a full eight hours of sun. Give blooming plants an inch of water per week.

Dahlias

A late-summer bloomer, dahlias come in a range of petal shapes and colors, including orange, yellow, red, pink, and white. They can reach 6 feet tall with 12-inch-diameter blooms.

✓ Perfect for you because:

Dahlias are a challenge, so they're best for a seasoned gardener. They need good drainage, monthly fertilizing, deadheading, and temps above 60 degrees. Watch for insect damage.

✓ How to grow:

In spring, plant the roots—tubers that look like small brown carrots—4 to 6 inches deep in rich soil. Choose a place that gets eight-plus hours of sun per day. Support with stakes, and cover the soil with compost. Water only after dahlias start growing.

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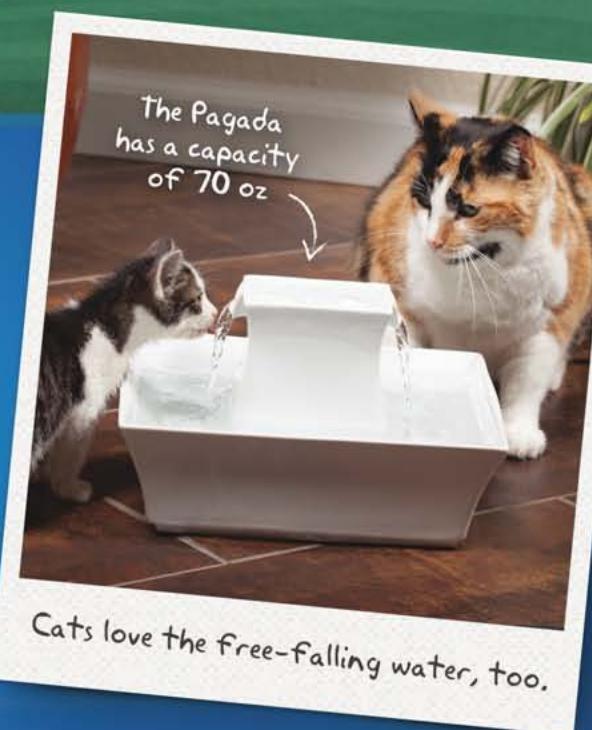
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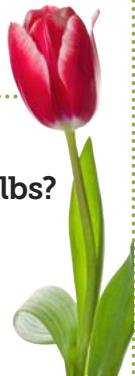
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1. How can you tell if you're overwatering your potted plants?

- A** Water runs out the bottom of the pot
- B** The leaves turn yellow
- C** The plant wilts, but the soil feels moist



2. How deep should you plant tulip bulbs?

- A** 2–4 inches
- B** 4–6 inches
- C** 6–8 inches

3. It's OK to reuse potting soil season after season.

- A** True
- B** False

4. Match each word to its definition.

A Dethatch

1 To rake out your lawn's mat of dead grass and debris, which blocks air and water from getting to the soil. Do this when the mat gets $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick.

B Aerate

2 To leave grass clippings to feed your lawn so you don't need to water and fertilize as often. Do this after you mow.

C Grasscycle

3 To poke 2-inch holes in the lawn to break up soil and let in water, nutrients, and air. Do this in late spring for warm-season grasses and early fall for cool-season grasses.



5. What's the best time of day to water your lawn?

- A** Early morning
- B** Noon
- C** Late at night

6. Never put _____ in a compost pile.

- A** Eggshells
- B** Pet poop
- C** Lint from the dryer
- D** Used paper towels



7. The ideal time to pull weeds is:

- A** After it rains
- B** After a dry spell



8. Match the gardening tool to its use.



A Hand pruner **B** Trowel



C Hoe **D** Garden fork



1 Mixes potting soil and digs out weeds; a must-have for planting bulbs, vegetable seedlings, and container plants.

2 Turns compost, loosens compacted soil, and mixes fertilizer into beds.

3 Shapes up shrubs, snips spent flowers and overgrown potted plants, and clips fruit trees and vines.

4 Hacks out grass and weeds, edges a bed, and carves a neat row for seeds.

9. Which type of plant returns year after year?

- A** Annual
- B** Perennial

in the yard

10. Which way should you plant a bulb?



11. You bought a product to prevent crabgrass from taking over your lawn. What time of year should you use it?



- A** Early fall
- B** Early spring

12. Which two bugs are bad for your garden, and which two are good?



A Aphids



B Ladybugs



C Dragonflies

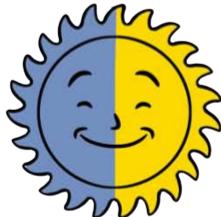


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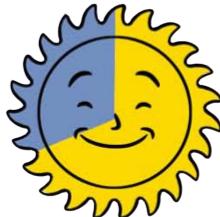
13. A plant that likes "full sun" should get a minimum of how many bright hours a day?



A At least 3



B At least 6



C At least 8

14. Your tomato plant has lots of leaves but no tomatoes. The reason:



- A** You're overfertilizing
- B** It has tomato worms
- C** You're overwatering
- D** It's getting too much sun



15. How deep should mulch be around flower beds and trees?

- A** $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 inch
- B** 2– $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
- C** 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ –6 inches

16. What's attacking these leaves?



- A** Spider mites
- B** Tomato hornworms
- C** Japanese beetles

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1. [C] The plant wilts, but the soil feels moist. Too much water prevents the roots from getting oxygen, which they need to keep the plant strong and healthy. To make sure you don't drown the roots, water only when the soil feels dry.

2. [C] 6–8 inches. Tulip and other large bulbs go in the ground about 6 inches—a little deeper if pests are a problem. For smaller bulbs, such as hyacinths and daffodils, 2–3 inches is deep enough.

3. [A] True. However, as a plant grows, it uses up nutrients, so if you're recycling soil, add fertilizer. And since old soil can get hard and compact, mix in sand or perlite (a white volcanic rock available at garden centers) to loosen it up and boost drainage.

4. [A1, B3, C2] Count as correct only if you match them all.

5. [A] Early morning. Setting your automatic sprinkler for right before dawn ensures water will make its way to the roots of the grass and not be siphoned off by hot sun or left clinging to leaves during nighttime hours. The exception: newly seeded or just-sprouting lawns, which should be sprinkled throughout the day.

**6. [B] Pet poop.**

Leave your pet's deposits out of your compost. They may include bacteria and parasites that you don't want in your yard.

7. [A] After it rains. Weed roots are much easier to wriggle out of soil that's damp and soft.

8. [A3, B1, C4, D2] Count as correct only if you match them all.

9. [B] Perennial. Perennials, such as peonies and periwinkle (below), are a permanent part of your yard. Annuals, on the other hand—like pansies, snapdragons, and impatiens—are temporary fill-ins that you have to buy and plant every year.

**10. [A] Pointed end up.**

The roots of the bulb push out of the flatter bottom end. The leaves and flower grow from the tip.

11. [B] Early spring. Called a preemergent, this should head off crabgrass-seed germination and growth before problems start. If you miss the boat and crabgrass is already raging, ask at your garden center for a postemergent—a product that kills crabgrass that has already sprouted. The best crabgrass prevention is to keep your lawn well-watered, fertilized, and regularly mowed to a height of 2–2½ inches.

12. [Bad: A and D; Good: B and C]

Count as right only if you guess both pairs correctly. Aphids suck sap out of plants like roses and some edibles (such as broccoli and kale), which causes leaves to curl and yellow. While ants themselves don't harm plants, they protect aphids and help them increase in population.

Ladybugs and dragonflies actually gobble up aphids. Ladybugs also enjoy the eggs of other pests, like mealybugs, while dragonflies will munch on mosquitoes.

13. [B] At least 6. If you give a sun-loving plant less than 6 hours, it may not grow and bloom to its full potential. A combo of morning and afternoon sun is fine, as long as it's direct and bright.

14. [A] You're overfertilizing.

Once tiny fruit appears, stop the food, especially high-nitrogen formulas that make plants leafy but halt fruit production.



15. [B] 2–2½ inches. If it's any shallower, the mulch won't do its job of smothering weeds, conserving moisture, and keeping soil cool in summer and warm in winter. Any deeper and the soil could get too wet—plus, thick mulch invites rodents and plant disease.

16. [A] Spider mites. These tiny pests prefer a varied diet and will gladly eat different shrubs, trees, flowers, and vegetables. Chemical bug sprays don't work on them. In fact, sprays actually kill many spider mite predators, giving the mites a better chance at survival. To kill mites, keep plants well-watered, and if you see the bugs, hose down the leaves to dislodge them. If they still hang around, spray leaves with rosemary oil or insecticidal soap.

HOW MANY DID YOU GET RIGHT?**13–16**

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Whoops. You're kind of a birdbrain in the yard.

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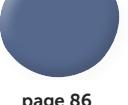
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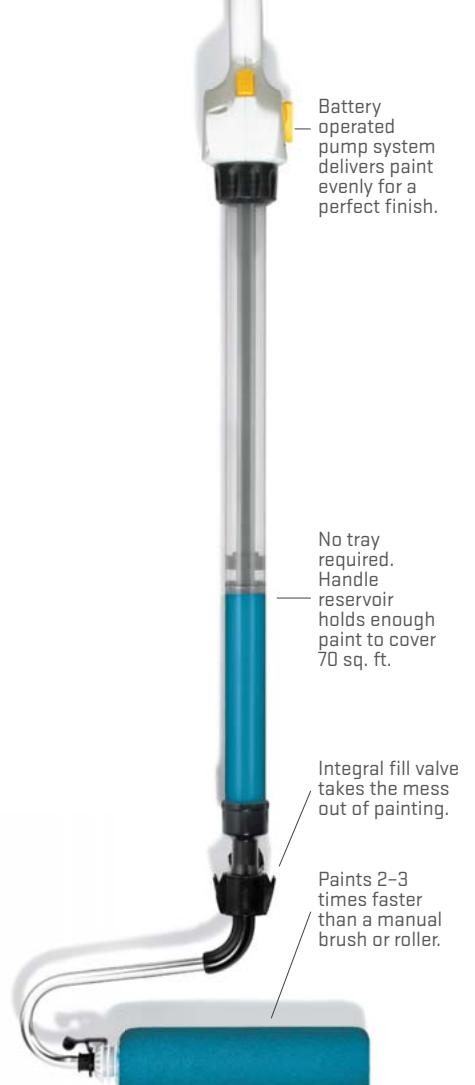
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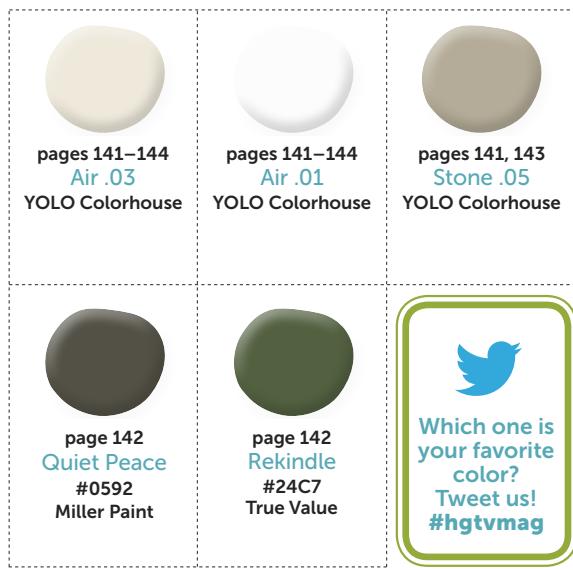
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IN EVERY ISSUE

Cover: PAINT (stripes on flowerpot) Golden Promise #3003-1C, Ultra White #7006-24, both valsparpaint.com. **ITEMS NOT LISTED** props, unavailable. **Page**

8 Editor's Note: CORNER PUNCH Corner rounding punch, \$9, carlmfg.com.

GOOGLY EYES Fibre Craft glue-on googly eyes, \$6 for a pack of 10, amazon.com. **GLUE** Beacon Fabri-Tac permanent adhesive, \$10, michaels.com. **PIPE**

CLEANERS Chenille stem pipe cleaners in royal blue and light blue, \$2 for a pack of 100, consumercrafts.com. **STAMP** Inkadinkado Mason Jar wood stamp, \$13, michaels.com. **Page**

10 Dear HGTV Magazine: Benitez Bookcase: PAINT (on wall) Teal Tone #633, (on bookcase) Super White #INT.RM, both benjaminmoore.com. **Carter Buffet:** PAINT Soft Sapphire #GLB04, glidden.com.

FUN DECORATING

Pages 73–76 How The Experts Live: Lauren Russell: TABLE Della

Pedestal 36" round dining table in wheatgrass, mainecottage.com. **CHAIRS** Edna dining chairs in sprout, mainecottage.com.

BOOKSHELVES Dory 33"W x 16"D x 72"H in milk, maine cottage.com. **RUG** Aquinnah woven cotton rug, dashandalbert.com. **PENDANT** Deena rattan lamp, mainecottage.com. **Malene**

Barnett: PAINT (on walls) Ocean Spray #2047-60, benjaminmoore.com. **SOFA**

vintage. **COFFEE TABLE** Bentley Rounds coffee table, niedermaier.com. **SIDE TABLE** discontinued. **TABLE LAMP** discontinued. **PILLOWS** custom by Malene B. **RUG** Calabash 8' x 10' hand-tufted, semi-worsted wool rug, maleneb.com. **Judy Ross:** SOFA custom. **PILLOWS** (from left) Plaid in cream/cerise, Tabla in oyster/coral/cream, Waves in peacock/cream, all judyrossstextiles.com.

MISSION MAKEOVER

Pages 101–106 Chances Are You Have... COATRACK

5-hook wooden wall coatrack, \$59, hayneedle.com. **FOLDING TABLE** Cosco 34" x 34" folding table, \$76, acehardware.com. **VASES** Quick Candles 8" Sidney vase, \$5, and 7" Jardin vase, \$4, both quickcandles.com. **BULLETIN BOARD** Quartet 3' x 2' economy cork bulletin board with oak finish frame, \$20, staples.com. **TABLE LAMP** Kmart Essential Home vanity table lamp with shade, \$7, kmart.com. **DOORMAT**

Natural coir thick doormat, \$24, overstock.com. **Pages 109–115 This Room Is Begging for Some Color: (throughout) CONSOLE TABLE** Parsons console table in white, bungalow5.com. **Peach + Pink:** CURTAINS crafted by Morgan Levine, patbatesandassociates.com/Morgan_Levine. **Pages 119–122 10 Things To Do With a Plain Frame:** YARN Koigu Premium 100% merino wool in #1157 and #1162, purlsoho.com.

OPEN HOUSE

Pages 125–131 It All Started With This Yellow Stove:

Kitchen: PAINT (on walls and drawers) Cloud White #OC-130, benjaminmoore.com. **SHELVES** walnut, custom. **COUNTERTOPS** Alabama white marble, custom. **FRIDGE** traulsen.com. **COUNTER STOOLS** Arm shell barstool in Ocean with dowel walnut base, modernica.net.

PENDANTS Flos Romeo Moon S2 pendant light, ylighting.com. **RANGE** La Cornue, lacornueusa.com.

Dining Room: PAINT (on trim) Super White #INT.RM, benjaminmoore.com.

TABLE Saarinen round dining table, dwr.com.

CHAIRS antique.

SIDEBOARD antique. **RUG** antique. For a similar look, try Paige Albright Orientals, Birmingham, AL, 205-877-3232. **CHANDELIER** Marset Discoco pendant light, ylighting.com. **SCONCE** Vendome double sconce, circalighting.com. **Breakfast Room:** PAINT (on walls) Cloud White #OC-130, benjaminmoore.com.

TABLE custom by Marjorie Johnston & Co., Birmingham, AL, mhjinteriors.com. **CHAIRS** Wishbone beech chair, pizitzhomeandcottage.com. **PILLOWS** (chevron print) Tracery Interiors, traceryinteriors.com; (floral print) Suite Dreams, Mountain Brook, AL, 205-414-1922. **SCONCES** Tolomeo wall shade, artemide.us. **Living Room:**

PAINT (on walls) Decorators White #INT.RM, (green wall) Courtyard Green #546, both benjaminmoore.com. **SOFA** For a similar look, try Willow sofa, crateandbarrel.com. **STUMP TABLE** discontinued. For a similar look, try etsy.com. **PILLOWS** all by Suite Dreams, traceryinteriors.com. **RUG** antique. For a similar look, try Paige Albright Orientals, Birmingham, AL, 205-877-3232. **FLOOR LAMP** For a

similar look, try ylighting.com. **Hallway:** PAINT (on stairs) custom. For a similar look, try alternating these colors: Once Upon A Time #574, Baltimore Sky #760, Courtyard Green #546, Buckingham Garden #545, Kiwi #544, Woodland Hills Green #543, Corn Stalk #542, Superwhite #INT.RM, all benjaminmoore.com.

DOORS antique. For a similar look, try Southern Accents, Cullman, AL, 877-737-0554. **Mudroom:**

PAINT (on shelving) Cloud White #OC-130, (inside shoe cubbies) Nightfall #1596, both benjaminmoore.com.

BASKETS westelm.com.

Bedroom: MAP World's Largest Write-On Map, \$150, skymall.com. **BED** Blake Bed, landofnod.com.

ROCKER Eames rocker, roomandboard.com.

RUG Design on the Gulf, designseagrove.com. **Kids'**

Space: PAINT (on walls) Cloud White #OC-130, benjaminmoore.com.

SOFA For a similar look, try Willow sofa, crateandbarrel.com. **INTERIOR DESIGN** Hampton Stephens Design, Birmingham, AL, hamptonstephensdesign.com. **Pages 132–137**

"Some People Saw a Dump. We Saw Our Dream Home": PAINT (on house body) Accessible Beige #SW7036, (on trim) Alabaster #SW7008, both sherwin-williams.com.

ADIRONDACK CHAIRS custom. For a similar look, try Coral Coast Adirondack chair and ottoman in white, \$94.50 for set, hayneedle.com. **PILLOWS**

discontinued. For a similar look, try Rectangle outdoor toss pillow, \$32.50 for a set of 2, walmart.com. **SCONCES** lightingetc.com. **Living Room:** SOFA #3972, leeindustries.com.

COFFEE TABLE Industrial Empire coffee table, homedecorators.com. **RUG** Urban Loft shag area rug, homedecorators.com.

DINING TABLE Trestle salvaged wood table, restorationhardware.com.

CHAIRS (wicker) For a similar look, try potterybarn.com. (wood) For a similar look, try ballarddesigns.com.

Sunroom: PILLOWS custom. **RUG** Marquis wool rug, westelm.com.

Kitchen: **CABINETS** custom by HG Customs Inc., Niceville, FL, 850-259-6077. **CABINET HARDWARE** Liberty bar pull, homedepot.com.

COUNTERTOPS custom by Florida Kitchen & Bath Design, floridakitchen design.com.

TILE (on backsplash) homedepot.com.

APPLIANCES all kitchenaid.com.

COUNTER CHAIRS Beau Interiors, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, 850-534-0700. **RUG** discontinued. **BUILDING DESIGN** Borges Brooks Builders, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, borgesbrooks builders.com.

KITCHEN CHRONICLES

Pages 141–144 This Kitchen Is Totally Recycled:

PAINT (on upper cabinets) AIR .01; (on lower cabinets and walls) AIR .03; (on island) STONE .05; (on trim) AIR .01, all YOLO Colorhouse, homedepot.com; (on breakfast room walls) Quiet Peace #0592, millerpaint.com.

CABINETS, custom by Shannon Quimby and Trisha Anderson, abodedesign.net. Built by Dennis & Company Inc. Eagle Creek, OR, 503-637-3250.

CABINET HARDWARE custom.

COUNTERTOPS custom. Fabricated by Endurawood, Portland, OR, endurawood.com.

FLOORING California Chestnut, greendepot.com.

SINK Shaws original single bowl fireclay apron kitchen sink, rohlhome

.com.

RANGE AGA Legacy Dual Fuel Range, nwnaturalappliances.com.

CHAIRS antique.

ACCESSORIES custom by Shannon Quimby.

INTERIOR DESIGN Shannon Quimby, Portland, OR, shannonquimby.com.

Country wagon, \$105, radioflyer.com.

LANTERN No Frills 8" lantern in turquoise, \$1, lunabazaar.com.

TIKI TORCH Bamboo & Thatch by Benson's Tropical Sea Imports 72" tiki torch in natural, \$6.50, bambooandthatchetc.com.

PLANTER (painted with crafts paint) 18" French flower vase, \$11, jamaligarden.com.

ONE LAST QUESTION

Page 178 WAGON Town &

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one last question

We tossed out a single Q to some of your favorite HGTV stars.

What's
a summer
entertaining
idea that
easily
impresses
guests?

“I love parties with tiki torches, but you shouldn't have to put holes in your lawn. Stand them up in **painted galvanized buckets** filled with sand.”

—Meg Caswell,
Meg's Great Rooms



“Here's a centerpiece that guests will remember: Line up **round paper lanterns**, and inside each put a small glass filled with a little water and flowers. Adorable!”

—David Bromstad,
HGTV Star



“Freeze fresh mint and blueberries in ice cubes. They look fancy and give any drink a flavor boost.”

—Dina Manzo, *Dina's Party*



“Serve ice cream with toppings in clear plastic cups. But instead of leaving out plastic spoons, attach one to each cup with **patterned tape**.”

—Sabrina Soto,
The High Low Project



“You could serve drinks from a cooler, but it's cuter to put **soda bottles in a little red wagon**. Fill a plastic bin with ice first, then set it inside.”

—Amie Sikes,
Junk Gypsies



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